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Palin pressure



Obama putting as much heat on her as McCain

Associated Press

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. Listening to Barack Obama, it can seem like Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin is the main person standing between him and the White House instead of John McCain.

Obama is putting as much heat on Palin as he is on the man at the top of the GOP ticket, objecting to the Republican Party's portrayal of her as a reformer who can bring change to Washington.

That is supposed to be Obama's distinction, and he's not taking kindly to Palin trying to claim it. Especially when it appears the new star on the GOP ticket is helping boost its standing: McCain has jumped to a dead heat or narrow lead over Obama in the latest national polls since choosing Palin as his running mate.

Obama said last week's Republican National Convention did a good job of highlighting Palin's biography—"Mother, governor, moose shooter. That's cool," he said. But he said Palin really is just another Republican politician, one who is stretching the truth about her record.

"When John McCain gets up there with Sarah Palin and says, 'We're for change,' ... what are they talking about?" Obama said Monday, arguing that they aren't offering different ideas from President Bush and they are just trying to steal his campaign theme because it seemed to be working.

"It was just like a month ago they were all saying, 'Oh, it's experience, experience, experience.' Then they chose Palin and they started talking about change, change, change," he

FEMALE SHIFT

An ABC News-Washington Post survey showed white women have moved from backing Barack Obama by 8 points to supporting John McCain by 12 points, with majorities viewing Sarah Palin favorably and saying she boosts their faith in McCain's decisions. AP

said.

Obama's supporters appear to be just as fired up against Palin. In Dayton, Ohio, Tuesday, the crowd waiting for Obama to take the stage chanted "No pit bulls! No pit bulls!"—a reference to Palin's joke that lipstick is the only thing that sets hockey moms like her apart from the dogs.

With Palin out on the campaign trail every day blasting Obama, it became increasingly clear he had to respond and try to undermine her credibility.

Obama's campaign saw an opening when the McCain-Palin campaign released a new ad Monday called "Original Mavericks" that included the claim that Palin stopped the so-called Bridge to Nowhere, a nearly \$400 million proposal to build a bridge to an island in Alaska occupied by just 50 residents and an airport.

Palin voiced support for the bridge during her campaign to become Alaska's governor, although she was critical of the size, and later abandoned plans for the project. She used the federal dollars for other projects in Alaska.

Obama released his own ad in response to the GOP spot that says McCain and Palin are "politicians lying about their records."

The secret's out at Kentucky Fried

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE Colonel Harland Sanders' handwritten recipe of 11 herbs and spices was removed Tuesday from safekeeping at KFC's corporate offices for the first time in decades. The temporary relocation is allowing KFC to revamp security around a yellowing sheet of paper that contains one of the country's most famous corporate secrets.

The brand's top executive admitted his nerves were aflutter despite the tight security he lined up for the operation.

"I don't want to be the president who loses the recipe," KFC President Roger Eaton said. "Imagine how terrifying that would be."

The recipe that launched the chicken chain was placed in a lock box that was handcuffed to security expert Bo Dietl, who climbed aboard an armored car that whisked away with an escort from off-duty police officers.

SPILL IT!

KFC's Original Chicken recipe isn't the only secret formula people would love to get their hands on. RedEye picked a few secret recipes we would like divulged.

- » McDonald's sweet tea
- » Girl Scout thin mint cookies
- » Baskin-Robbins ice cream cake
- » Harold's Chicken mild sauce
- » Cinnabon cinnamon rolls
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Eaton's parting words to Dietl: "Keep it safe."

So important is the 68-year-old concoction that coats the chain's Original Recipe chicken that only two company executives at any time have access to it. The company refuses to release their names or titles, and it uses

multiple suppliers who produce and blend the ingredients but know only a part of the entire contents.

KFC executives said they decided to upgrade security after retrieving the recipe amid preparations to add a new line of Original Recipe chicken strips.

The recipe has been stashed at the company headquarters for decades, and for more than 20 years has been tucked away in a filing cabinet equipped with two combination locks. To reach the cabinet, the keepers of the recipe would first open up a vault and unlock three locks on a door that stood in front of the cabinet.

Vials of the herbs and spices also are stored in the secret filing cabinet.

Sanders developed the formula in 1940 at his tiny restaurant in Kentucky and used it to launch the KFC chain in the early 1950s.





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No-seat outrage, and other CTA rants

The CTA seems to be teeming with transit news, from adding another cell phone provider to the subway to possibly subtracting seats out of some "L" cars during rush hour. On Tuesday, columnist Kyra Kyles took a page from the football playbook and made calls on those CTA developments. Some riders responded with their own takes, while others weighed in about CTA budget cuts and other pressing public transit issues.

No-seat nonsense

Isn't it hypocritical to modernize CTA platforms by installing elevators for those with disabilities only to take away the seats that those very people with disabilities need? Does the CTA assume that people with disabilities don't work and, therefore, this rush-hour plan won't affect them? And if the CTA decides this experiment works, will the future of the CTA be a seatless one?

There is a lack of seats as it is, and I rarely see anyone standing for the elderly or a pregnant woman or someone with a disability, but, despite that, taking away those seats is a slap in the face to a large group of people.

Disabilities come in many, many forms and not all of them are apparent. Having lived with Multiple Sclerosis for almost ten years, my disability is not readily noticeable, until I stand for long periods of time.

I have discovered throughout the years living with my disease that healthy people assume everyone else is healthy, and it would appear the CTA is no exception. Taking away the seats on the CTA cars is yet another way to dismiss an entire portion of society that has been pushed aside time and time again.

LYNN CHRISTENSEN, 38, ROGERS PARK

GET ONBOARD THE BLOG

Come share your CTA kudos, complaints and spy observations with "Going Public" columnist Kyra Kyles at redeyechicago.com/ctablog. She promises to save you a seat.



Bus-ted on Pulaski

The CTA is one big joke. I, and dozens [of] others, spent over 45 minutes waiting for the [No.] 53A-South Pulaski south-

bound on Pulaski. When the bus finally showed, not one, but six came. And the CTA wants to raise fares? I hope the Olympics don't come to Chicago. Our mass transit is a joke and it would only further exhaust the system.

JACQUELINE GONZALEZ, 24, OAK LAWN

Sympathy for strollers

I can't speak for all parents who have to travel long distances beyond one bus ride with their kids, but I'm a 26-year-old mother who has a clue about how to ride the CTA with my "Baby Jeep" of a stroller: my common sense.

Plan A is to look for the availability of the handicap accessible spaces so that I'm not in the aisle or crowding people. I live downtown, so there's no reason for me to own a car right now, and if my little 2-year-old girl wasn't 30 pounds, very active, or could walk two to three miles at a time, the stroller would stay home, believe me.

LESLIE NEWMAN, 26, GOLD COAST

What in Blue blazes?

I was just wondering what is going on with the Blue Line between UIC and Racine. After work I always see a train stop at UIC, wait for people to unload, then slowly proceed to move to the middle track and wait there. I have to wait twice as long for a train during rush hour. I probably wouldn't mind so much if I knew what they were doing.

KATIE MARLAND, 27, TRI-TAYLOR



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A female koala named Killarney looks down from her perch at the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden in Columbia, S.C. AP

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Online dating—for animals

Zoos use databases to make matches

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. Attention, amorous guys: Killarney's an Australian cutie, but woo her with care.

The feisty gal once swatted at a beau who got a little close, and gave another poor fellow the cold shoulder during their introduction.

Undaunted, Killarney's friends keep updating her online profile in the hope of finding her Mr. Right.

Like many of her contemporaries, the koala might find her dream date waiting somewhere in the files of a computerized matchmaking service, keepers at the Riverbanks Zoo theorize.

Just like the digital dating services that pair up people, so-called studbooks are used to match most animals held in captivity.

The databases containing information on sex, age and weight are used by more than 200 zoos nationally and some internationally. They're practically taking the place of Mother Nature in the not-so-wild world of captive animal breeding.

Now, new software is going to the Web, promising more easily accessible data, faster matches and—in a page out of the most particular of human dating sites—details on an animal's personality to ease what can be a

PANDA PORN

While there's no candlelight or Marvin Gaye being played in the back rooms of zoos, there are endless tricks used to get animals in the mood, said Bob Wiese, director of collections for the Zoological Society of San Diego. In China, breeding experts have claimed success putting giant pandas in the mood by showing them images of other pandas mating—panda porn, as it's been called. AP

testy process.

Zoological Information Management Systems is a collaboration between about 150 zoos and aquariums that's a year or two away from wide distribution.

The software will give zookeepers better access to species-level details currently found only in zoo husbandry manuals that now are mostly e-mailed back and forth, said Bob Wiese, director of collections for the Zoological Society of San Diego who is widely considered the authority on ZIMS.

Careful planning among zoos may take some of the wild out of "the wild thing" but it also ensures that the most genetically diverse animals breed, said Steve Feldman, spokesman for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which oversees all studbooks.

"To paraphrase an old Jeff Foxworthy joke, it's important that your family tree forks," Feldman said. "This way we can have a genetically diverse population."

Chicken and biscuits

McDonald's said Tuesday that its global same-store sales, or sales at locations open at least a year, jumped 8.5 percent in August, thanks to Olympic-sized marketing and some chicken. Here's how it breaks down:

- » **U.S.:** rose 4.5 percent, helped by breakfast menu, Southern Style chicken sandwich and biscuit promotion, beverages.
- » **Europe:** up 11.6 percent, driven by performance in U.K., France, Germany.
- » **Asia/Pacific, Middle East and Africa:** boosted 10 percent due partly to Olympic-related marketing. AP

denim heaven

Not even economy can get between us and our jeans

By Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz

REDEYE

It's that bittersweet time of year again, when we bid farewell to our flip-flops and summer dresses and refocus our fashion energies on boots, fall sweaters—and those all-important jeans.

As Brooke Shields suggested in her iconic Calvin Klein ads, nothing comes between us and our jeans.

Not even a strained economy.

U.S. jeans sales rose 5.9 percent, to \$16.3 billion for the 12 months ending in June, compared with a 1.6 percent dip in total apparel sales, to \$192 billion in the same time period, according to the NPD Group. In the past three months, jeans sales rose 18.8 percent, compared with a 0.8 percent increase in total apparel sales.

Levi's, the founding father of the modern blue jean, continues to rule the roost, accounting for 30 percent of jeans purchased, according to a March report from market research group Mintel.

But thank premium brands—those \$100-and-up Citizens, True Religions and Rock and Republics—for keeping the industry alive and kicking. In the past two years premium denim sales rose 47 percent, to \$1 billion from \$680 million, while the total jeans market rose 5.7 percent in the same time frame, the NPD Group said.

The impressive 28 percent growth in jeans sales from 2002 to 2007 was driven by the premium denim craze, Mintel says, though growth is expected to return to normal over the next five years.

At the start of the decade, when 7 For All Mankind opened in L.A. and premium jeans started to move from celebrities' bodies to the mass market, having a pair of Sevens was de rigueur for the fashion-conscious.

Today, with so many brands and styles available, the logo on the back pocket matters less than how the back pocket makes your butt look, fashion stylists say.

"It's a little bit more cool to have a jean that not everyone has," said Stephen Stopulos, a sales clerk at the Blues Jean Bar in Lincoln Park. "It's so much more about fit now."

Ah, fit. Therein lies the challenge. More

THE PERFECT FIT

How do you like your jeans? Skinny? Straight? Boot cut? Flared? Relaxed? Wide leg?

Whichever makes your butt look good? Thought so.

RedEye went on a mission to find the best jeans for the booty, dispatching two RedEye staffers with completely different body types to serve as guinea pigs: curvy reporter Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz, who will never forget the first time she was complimented on her "child-bearing hips," and slender designer Rex Chekal, who struggles to find jeans that don't give him "diaper butt."

At the Blues Jean Bar in Lincoln Park, manager Amanda Lunacek and sales clerk Stephen Stopulos helped navigate the wonderful world of denim.

Here's some of what they found. (Of course, every body is unique, so the only way to know what's right for you is to try 'em on.)

than half the respondents to Mintel's survey said it's difficult to find jeans that fit properly, which says nothing of finding jeans that actually flatter.

There are guidelines to follow for both men and women, fashion experts say.

If you have an ample rear, keep the back pockets small and high, says wardrobe stylist Amy Salinger, who works in Chicago and New York. Wider, lower, longer back pockets are best for people who don't have a butt, she said. Go with a mid-rise to avoid muffin tops.

Skinny jeans are back again this fall, but pear-shaped bodies should stay away, Salinger said. Instead, go for straight-leg jeans if you want something to tuck into a boot. Make sure that the bottom of the pants are the same width as the thigh, and pick jeans with elasticity if you want them to suck you in and slim you down.

One of the biggest mistakes people make is wearing baggy jeans to hide a heavier figure, Salinger said.

"You have to wear pants a little more fitted when you're bigger, otherwise you look like a potato sack," she said. **TRIBUNE CONTRIBUTED.**

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Sacred Blue-Luc (\$157)

Flattering features: Longer, lower pockets are supposed to make a small or flat butt look perkier. Also, the flap on the pockets enhances the rear.

Rex's impression: "On me, flap pockets just look homosexual, which would be fine, but I already have that tattooed across my forehead. Not a favorite, plus, I would lose those buttons in a heartbeat."



Sacred Blue-Alex (\$135)

Flattering features: Straighter and slimmer through the leg, these jeans are good for guys with thinner legs or no butt because there won't be a lot of extra fabric.

Rex's impression: "Here I think the stitching isn't so much decorative, but butt-enhancing. It draws the eye, and the low rise helps my rear appear much perkier than it is. Best of all, no diaper butt! Love 'em!"



1921-Surplus flare (\$169)

Flattering features: These are considered good "booty" jeans, as the low, flap pockets are supposed to lift and enhance the butt.

Alexia's impression: "They are very low-rise, which gave me major muffin top. Also, the low pockets just seemed to make my legs look short. These would be better on someone with no butt."



Stitch's-Seminole (\$217)

Flattering features: These straight-leg jeans have larger back pockets and should be flattering on all butt shapes.

Alexia's impression: "I was told the pair I tried on was too loose, but they looked like skinny jeans to me! The back pockets, which are wider-set than normal, also made my butt look wider than normal—something I don't need."

**Kasil-Triumph (\$203)**

Flattering features: The slim-fit, boot-cut jeans have wider pockets than normal. The denim is very soft.
Rex's Impression: "I think the distance between the pockets really makes my backside appear wider. Normally that would be OK, but the pancake effect happening because of the looseness makes me pass on this pair."

**J Brand-Walker (\$233)**

Flattering features: These relaxed, straight-fit jeans have a higher rise. It's good for guys who want a straight cut but still want the looseness they're used to.
Rex's Impression: "I am used to a low-rise jean. The high waist that is hiding under my shirt, while it tamed my belly and love handles, felt too weird after years of riding below my hips."

**7 For All Mankind-classic boot cut (\$155)**

Flattering features: Generally Sevens are good comfort jeans, and "a good stepping stone for people who are just getting into designer jeans," Stopulos said.
Rex's Impression: "Love how soft they felt, but a bit big. I worry they would stretch out to a horrible shape in the current size, obscuring my rear completely."

**Paige-Hidden Hills (\$176)**

Flattering features: These mid-rise jeans have a double button, and the wider waistband flatters the hips. The smaller, centered back pockets are flattering to fuller butts.
Alexia's Impression: "Perfect fit, with a smooth line from every angle and no muffin tops to be found. The jeans didn't hide my hills; they celebrated them!"

**James-Hector (\$169)**

Flattering features: The flap pockets sit higher on the backside, which makes a fuller butt look perkier.
Alexia's Impression: "I thought they looked great—until I lifted my shirt, and saw that the higher waist actually lengthened my backside. Said the RedEye photographer: 'Those make your butt look big.' Sigh."

**Union-Diva Wide Leg (\$171)**

Flattering features: Trouser jeans like these are in this fall. The wide opening at the bottom balances out wider hips. The dark indigo wash is slimming and can be worn for dressier occasions.
Alexia's Impression: "They're very comfortable, and the wide leg helps ease thigh anxiety. I felt good in them, and maybe that's the most important thing."



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Chicago wants your number

Chicago Tribune

If terrorists or natural disasters strike Chicago, anyone with a cell phone would get the latest information from city leaders.

Mayor Daley on Tuesday called for people to sign up for the new "Notify Chicago" program, in which text messages with emergency information will be sent out en masse.

The announcement came a few days before the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and almost two years after the federal government criticized the city in an analysis of emergency communications.

For years, the city has been able to send recorded messages to home phones with information about emergencies.

Anyone who registers for the program would receive messages from the city in weather emergencies, terrorist attacks and hazardous material situations, Daley said.

"It is very critical for public safety agencies to do their part to stay in tune with the latest tools to keep the residents safe," he said.

Information about text alerts is available at webapps.cityofchicago.org/notifychicago/registerprofile.do.

City and suburban residents can sign up, and even out-of-towners with elderly relatives or friends living here are welcome.



Tracy Lampignano on Tuesday comforts Trixi, one of two dogs that had been missing for 11 days, after she was rescued Monday from a Schaumburg drainage system. Trixi and Bosco are expected to be fine in the long run. CHARLES CHERNEY/TRIBUNE

Missing dogs found

Pair of young Rottweilers trapped 11 days in Schaumburg sewage system

Chicago Tribune

After their rescue from 11 days trapped in a sewage system, two chastened Rottweilers showed little interest Tuesday in romping around their 10-acre lot in Schaumburg.

"They are not our dogs that went missing," said Dee Welsch, project coordinator for the contracting company that owns the dogs. "They had confidence. They felt that security. Now they're scared out of their minds."

Expected to be fine in the long run, neither Bosco nor Trixi ventured anywhere near the open drainage pipe the dogs may have entered chasing an animal. By the time the dogs are back to themselves, the company hopes to have installed a grate over the pipe, Welsch said.

Employees of the company, A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., were sure

Bosco and Trixi had been dognapped. But on Monday a worker heard whining coming up from the drainage system on the property at 800 W. Irving Park Rd.

Some men popped open a manhole in the driveway and saw Trixi peering up from 10 feet below, said receptionist Theresa Polizzi. It didn't take long to get down there and retrieve the freezing and shaken 10-month-old "shop dog."

Bosco was nowhere in sight. But the crew knew he couldn't be far behind, Polizzi said.

"Wherever she goes, he's following her," she said.

Employees called one of the company's regular vendors to run a camera through the 18-inch piping and located the 11-month-old dog about 225 feet away. Trapped under a sealed manhole covered with asphalt, he looked starving.

"They taped the sandwich to the [camera] rover, and sent it to him," said foreman Vito Dimaso. "You could see him just grab it. He was licking the lens and stuff."

Workers wound up removing a 50-foot-by-10-foot patch of concrete before they got to Bosco, company owner Joe Lampignano said.

Both dogs were taken to an emergency veterinary hospital and released by Monday evening despite losing at least 15 pounds each.

As Bosco sat in a crate Tuesday afternoon with a plastic cone collar around his neck, shop assistant George Torossian repeatedly adjusted a large umbrella to block the sun from the wounded dog.

"You'll be OK," Torossian whispered, and kissed Bosco on the nose. "We're going to clean those (paws) up for you."

CTA holding hearings

The CTA wants to hear from its customers—suggestions about improving service, complaints about poor performance, even praise—and the agency will hold four public meetings starting Wednesday.

The first meeting will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at CTA's Skokie Shops rail maintenance facility, 3710 W. Oakton St., Skokie.

Three meetings will be held on Thursday in Chicago: from 10 a.m. to noon at the CTA 74th Street Bus Garage, 1715 W. 74th St.; 1 to 3 p.m. at the 5th Police District offices, 727 E. 111th St.; and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the CTA Chicago Avenue Bus Garage, 642 N. Pulaski Rd.

Those attending are required to register by calling Paul Brown at 312-681-2714 or e-mailing him at pbrown@transitchicago.com.

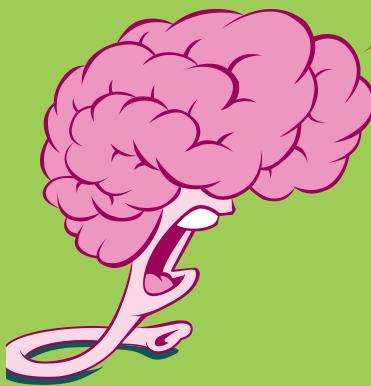


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Chicago cop arrested in alleged plot to frame woman

A Crystal Lake man didn't like his wife's parenting skills or her spending habits, and that's why he got a Chicago police officer to help him frame her with drugs and a gun, Cook County prosecutors said.

The prosecutors said the man gave them another reason too: He wanted her money.

Bogdan Mazur, who is in the midst of a

divorce, tried to set up his estranged wife by planting cocaine, marijuana and a gun in her vehicle in April 2007 and having Grand Central District Officer Slawomir Plewa arrest her, according to Assistant State's Atty. Lynn McCarthy.

Plewa, 30, and Mazur were both arrested Monday. Judge Adam Bourgeois Jr. ordered

both men held in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

McCarthy said Mazur told police that he met Plewa through a mutual friend in early 2007 and they planned the false arrest with an uncharged co-conspirator.

Plewa is a seven-year veteran of the department, assigned to the gang-narcotics team for much of that time, and has never

been disciplined by the department, said Dan Herbert, Plewa's attorney.

Plewa was stripped of police powers Aug. 22 and is not being paid, police said.

Chicago police said Plewa was the subject of an internal investigation that resulted in his arrest. He was the third officer arrested this year based on an internal investigation.

Tribune's jail probe raises questions

John Lambert dropped out of high school in his freshman year, battled addictions to cocaine and alcohol, and was in and out of treatment centers as well as court for minor scrapes with the law.

Last year, when he was locked up in Cook County Jail for possessing cocaine and violating probation, his frustrated family decided not to bail him out, thinking he was better off where he couldn't abuse drugs or alcohol.

That proved to be a fatal mistake.

On his 25th birthday, Lambert was found unconscious in his cell with massive head injuries. After he died 12 days later, a pathologist concluded that Lambert had been beaten to death.

The murder investigation would seem to be straight-forward—Lambert had a lone cellmate the night of his fatal injuries.

But the cellmate, David Jamison, told investigators that Lambert sustained the injuries when he fell from the top bunk in their cell.

More than a year later, no one has been charged in his murder.

"You know what it feels like to know that if you could have bailed him out, he would be alive?" said Lambert's sister, Heather Brenka, her voice cracking with emotion.

Lambert's murder was among numerous examples cited in a scathing Justice Department report this summer that found violence rampant at the nation's largest jail. The investigation also ripped the jail for dispensing medical care so substandard that some inmates died needlessly.

A Tribune investigation raises questions why Lambert was incarcerated in Division IX, one of the jail's maximum-security divisions, with a dangerous cellmate.



Troop leaders Michelle Walsh (back row, left) and Janice Brzezinski, with their girls from Brownies Troop 1039 in Naperville. **ANTONIO PEREZ/Tribune**

All is well between Obama, Girl Scouts

Michelle Walsh wanted to teach her 2nd-grade Girl Scout troop about the presidential election.

What the Naperville mother got was a lesson about the rough-and-tumble world of political finances.

Walsh said she called both campaigns and asked for free trinkets she could give the 7-year-olds to help them learn. If they did well, she explained, each Scout would earn her "Ms. President" patch. The tchotchkies would provide added incentive.

A representative for John McCain responded immediately, sending Walsh a box filled with stickers and signs.

The Barack Obama camp wasn't quite so generous, Walsh said.

The troop leader said she called Obama's Chicago campaign headquarters and explained why she needed the curios. Walsh said she was directed to Obama's Web site—where she could buy all the buttons and posters she wanted.

On the Web, a packet of 50 stickers that

say "Obama '08" goes for \$5; a yard sign is \$8. Walsh found the prices a bit exorbitant for her small group.

She said she asked Obama's campaign worker again if she could get a few items for free. She pointed out that McCain's camp had agreed to send a box and, well, her 12-member Scout troop runs on a very small budget.

Walsh said the woman at Obama's headquarters put her on hold. After a few minutes, she returned with the same answer. The woman told her that she sympathized, but the Obama campaign needs every penny it can get, Walsh said.

Walsh e-mailed the Tribune's problem solver, What's Your Problem?, who called Obama spokesman Justin DeJong.

Within days, an Obama employee personally delivered Walsh a box of pins, magnets and bracelets with the slogans "Hope" and "Obama." DeJong said that whoever took Walsh's call at the campaign headquarters misspoke.

CAMPAIGN LUNCH

Dining with Michelle

Obama, party of two, your table is now ready.

Michelle Obama was in Chicago on Tuesday, and she stopped in for lunch at Kitsch'n River North at 600 W. Chicago Ave.

Her spokeswoman, Katie McCormick Lelyveld, confirmed the visit. Barack Obama was not there; he was campaigning in Ohio and Virginia.

According to Jon Young, managing partner at the restaurant, Obama had a relaxing late lunch with a friend and was very pleasant. Also, she was seated in a booth. (Editor's note: It's the only way to dine.)

So what did she order? Something that sounds pretty delicious—the house-favorite fried chicken club sandwich and a warm banana rum pudding with vanilla bean ice cream for dessert. Young said there also was a small secret service detail on hand. No word on if they scored any food in the deal.

On Wednesday, Michelle Obama heads to Indiana and Ohio. **REDEYE**

Man charged with DUI

A Chicago man was charged Tuesday with misdemeanor drunken driving after a crash on the city's Southwest Side early Monday that killed one of his passengers, police said. A third man was critically injured in the single-vehicle crash at 55th Street and Kedzie Avenue, police said. The 24-year-old driver, of the 5400 block of South Spaulding Avenue, suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Wounded man flags down car

A South Side man was fatally wounded Monday afternoon, but he managed to flag down a car to take him to a hospital, Chicago police said Tuesday. Gerald Brown, 54, flagged down a passing vehicle in the 8500 block of South Constance Avenue about 5:30 p.m. after being shot in the chest. The motorist drove Brown to Advocate Trinity Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 6:11 p.m., officials said.

Man accuses priest of abuse

A 46-year-old Streamwood man has accused his former priest of sexually abusing him and Greek Orthodox church officials of attempting to cover it up, according to a lawsuit, the fifth allegation against the defrocked priest. Nicholas Katinas was pastor at Assumption Church in Olympia Fields from 1969 to 1978. The plaintiff, a former altar boy, said Katinas sexually abused him as a 15-year-old.

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Txt check

2 A key member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Wisconsin Democrat Herb Kohl, is asking the nation's top four wireless carriers to justify the "sharply rising rates" they charge people to send and receive text messages.

Execution drama

3 A day before a convicted killer is set to die, his lawyers on Tuesday questioned the judge who presided over his 1990 trial about whether she and the prosecutor were involved in a legally improper romance at the time. The allegation is at the center of appeals trying to stop Charles Dean Hood's lethal injection, scheduled for Wednesday in McKinney, Texas.

Tips go hi-tech

4 It's a new era for tipsters in New York as officials announced Tuesday that city hot lines are now able to receive photos and video from computers and cell phones.

Highway death

5 Police shut down a section of Canada's busiest highway Tuesday after a body was dumped from a moving car in northwest Toronto.

Iraq's terror tie

6 Iraq remains "the central front" for Al Qaeda and other extremist organizations, Gen. David Petraeus, the departing commander of U.S. troops in Iraq, said in an interview Tuesday.

Security uprising

7 A new French security database that could track anyone deemed a "possible threat to public order"—even minors as young as 13—has outraged privacy crusaders and put France's government on the defensive.

Minneapolis bridge to reopen

8 The new Interstate 35W bridge in Minneapolis is set to open sometime next week. The old I-35W bridge collapsed in August 2007, killing 13 motorists.

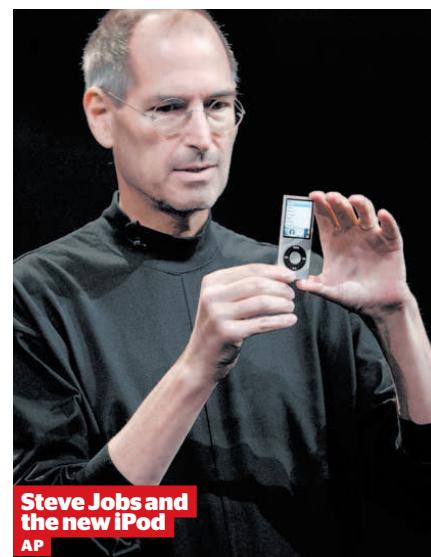
What's up, doc? Doc? Doc?

Only 2 percent of graduating medical students say they plan to work in primary care internal medicine, raising worries about a shortage.

1.4 million

Treasury Department figures obtained by The Associated Press show that more than 1.4 million stimulus checks have been seized since the payments began last spring, and a total of \$831 million has been collected by child support agencies nationwide.

Apple unveils latest iPods



Steve Jobs and the new iPod
AP

9 **SAN FRANCISCO** Apple CEO Steve Jobs took the wraps off a revamped line of iPods on Tuesday and trumpeted a truce with NBC Universal that means the TV network will begin selling programs again on iTunes.

The iPod upgrades Jobs revealed include two slick new Nano models, oval-shaped devices that Jobs said are the thinnest iPods Apple has ever made. They are less than a quarter-inch thick.

A \$149 version comes with 8 gigabytes of memory (enough for 2,000 songs); a 16-gigabyte version (which holds 4,000 songs) is \$199.

The new models acknowledge the incredible appetite for iPods—Jobs said Apple has sold 160 million iPods since their introduction in 2001. But Apple

'MIND-BLOWING'

Jobs said people have downloaded a "mind-blowing" 100 million applications for iPhones and iPod Touch devices since Apple began offering the programs online two months ago.

has to work hard to differentiate them from the iPhone, Apple's cell phone/iPod/Internet device that threatens to cannibalize some of the demand for iPods.

Jobs also showed off three new versions of the iPod Touch, which is much like an iPhone except that it doesn't make calls.

An 8-gigabyte version of the new model will sell for \$229; a 16-gigabyte Touch will be \$299 and a 32 GB model will be \$399.



D PYONGYANG, NORTH KOREA

North Korean leader Kim Jong Il failed to appear at North Korea's 60th anniversary parade in Pyongyang Tuesday, lending credence to intelligence reports that he might be gravely ill. Kim typically presides over mass gatherings on such occasions. AP

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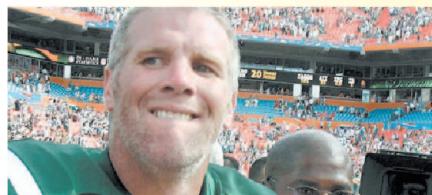
If Lance Armstrong was looking for inspiration, there have been plenty of athletes and celebrities—besides the king of unretirement Michael Jordan—who have gone against age and conventional wisdom to keep on playing.

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Dara Torres, 41

Last month in Beijing the swimmer and mother won three silver medals as the oldest swimmer in Olympic history—after a six-year retirement. She too has fought against speculation that she has used performance-enhancing drugs. Armstrong also mentioned Torres in the Vanity Fair interview. "Older athletes are performing well," he said. "Ask serious sports physiologists and they'll tell you age is a wives' tale."



Brett Favre, 38

The former Green Bay quarterback didn't even spend a full off-season in retirement before changing his mind and causing an awkward situation for his old team, which was already grooming a new starter. The Packers shipped Favre to New York, and the 38-year-old led the Jets to a rousing season-opening victory Sunday.



Jay-Z, 38

The hip-hop hitmaker has retired twice since 2003. "The Blueprint 3" is scheduled to hit stores in November, according to the Detroit Free Press.

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Encore Tour

Armstrong returns to racing, sets sights on raising cancer awareness

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas Lance Armstrong is getting back on his bike, determined to win an eighth Tour de France.

Armstrong's return from cancer to win the Tour a record seven consecutive times made him a hero to cancer patients worldwide and elevated cycling to an unprecedented level in America.

The 36-year-old Armstrong told Vanity Fair in an exclusive interview posted on its Web site Tuesday that he was inspired to return after finishing second last month in the Leadville 100, a lung-searing 100-mile mountain bike race through the Colorado Rockies.

"This kind of obscure bike race, totally kick-started my engine," he told the magazine. "I'm going to try and win an eighth Tour de France."

The sport and particularly the Tour have missed his star power, even though skeptics refused to believe he could win seven Tours without the help of illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

The 2009 Tour "is the intention," Armstrong's spokesman Mark Higgins told The Associated Press, "but we've got some homework to do over there."

THEY SAID IT



Physically, Lance can definitely do it. The hardest part will be to go back to the mental discipline of training, eating and sleeping with 110 percent commitment. Snapping your brain back into a mode of being perfect all the time is difficult.

ROBBIE VENTURA

the cycling coach rode with U.S. Postal during the Armstrong era

In a video statement on his foundation's Web site, Armstrong said details—such as a team and schedule—will be announced Sept. 24 at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York City.

"I am happy to announce that after talking with my children, my family and my closest friends, I have decided to return to professional cycling in order to raise awareness of the global cancer burden,"

Armstrong said in a statement. "This year alone, nearly eight million people will die of cancer worldwide. ... It's now time to address cancer on a global level."

In the Vanity Fair interview, Armstrong told the magazine he's 100 percent sure he's going to compete in the Tour next summer.

"We're not going to try to win second place," Bill Stapleton, Armstrong's lawyer and longtime confidant, told the AP.

Age will be an issue for Armstrong in the Tour de France. He'll be 37 next week, ancient for the grueling competition. Only one rider older than 34 has won the Tour—36-year-old Firmin Lambot in 1922.

On Monday, the cycling journal VeloNews reported on its Web site that Armstrong would compete with the Astana team. But there are no guarantees Astana would be allowed to race in the 2009 Tour. Race officials kept the team out of the 2008 Tour because of previous doping violations.

If Armstrong and his team aren't invited in 2009, he plans to appeal directly to French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

"I've already put a call in to him," he told Vanity Fair.

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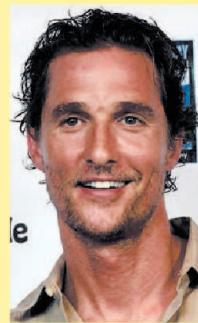
KRISTIN ARMSTRONG

He and the mother of his three children divorced in 2003.



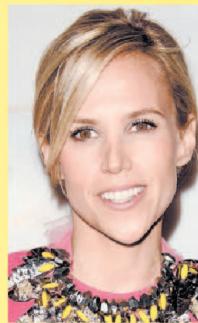
SHERYL CROW

His engagement with the singer fell apart in February 2006.



MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY

The best bros have been so close that the actor joked to Details magazine in 2006 about rumors that they were a couple.



TORY BURCH

The cyclist and fashion designer split after a year together, their reps told People magazine in early October 2007.



ASHLEY OLSEN

Gossip sites were buzzing on Oct. 31, 2007 after Armstrong and the then-21-year-old actress were spotted getting cozy at least twice that week.



KATE HUDSON

He and the actress called it quits in July after a three-month fling.

ARMSTRONG FILE

Real name: Lance Edward Gunderson. He changed his last name when his mother married her second husband, Terry Armstrong, according to a 2006 article in the Odessa (Texas) American.

Born: Sept. 18, 1971, in Dallas

Tour de France wins: Seven, 1999-2005

Yellow Jerseys worn: 83 AP, MCT

HIGHLIGHTS & LOWLIGHTS

» Diagnosed in 1996 with testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain. Doctors gave him less than a 50 percent chance of survival, but surgery and brutal cycles of chemotherapy saved his life.

» Stunned the racing world by winning the 1999 Tour de France. Close friend and U.S. Postal Service team director Johan Bruyneel helped him morph from a sprinter into a technical expert who could climb mountains at speeds that punished other riders.

» Has fought skeptics who question whether he was using performance-enhancing drugs. Armstrong never tested positive and has always maintained he was a clean rider, using hundreds of passed drug tests during his career as proof.

» Raised hundreds of millions of dollars for cancer awareness through his Lance Armstrong Foundation. The foundation's yellow "Livestrong" wristbands that started selling in 2004 are still seen everywhere—with many copycats. "This is a damn war for me. It's nothing other than that," Armstrong told The Associated Press in 2007. "I had the disease and I hate it and I hate that we haven't made enough progress against it."

» Retired after his 2005 Tour de France victory.



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1 Which bird is more threatening: the Toronto Blue Jay or St. Louis Cardinal?	At least Blue Jays can flip a bird. Cards fans often lack fingers and dignity.	Trick question: It's the F-22 Raptor, armed with AIM-9 Sidewinders.	Both. One's blue, the other's red, making them the Crips and Bloods of the bird world.	Actually, the Cardinal isn't technically a bird. It's a third-place team.	They're both beautiful! That's my sensitive side. Now baseball wise, the Blue Jays.
2 What strategy did The Game use to beat Bow Wow in Madden '09?	Legal strategy. Sadly for The Game, people will forget his record fast.	He simply has a quicker pimp hand. It's science.	Stole a page out of Bow Wow's whack rapper playbook and ran Kriss-Krossing routes.	He put Rappin' Homer in at fullback.	Who??
3 Who's No. 1 in your NFL power rankings and why?	In our league, it's Leo's fantasy team, aptly named "Too Soon."	Pittsburgh. Roethlisberger's getting a whole lot of offers to go motorcycle riding.	Chargers. They should be No. 1 in every "power" ranking.	Bears. Also, I bought Matt Forte Hall of Fame tickets and the Brooklyn Bridge.	Da Bears—because dey are good.
4 Titans LB Keith Bulluck tells "Ocho Cinco" he's gunning for him. Now you talk trash.	I'm Tim Gunning for Kyle Orton. Hillbilly jeans are not my lover.	SIU ... whatcha gonna do ... when the Wildcats run wild on you?	Sorry about No. 2, Mike. I know you know as much about rap as you do comedy.	I wouldn't know where to start. Kind of like Phil with girls. I did know where to start!	Trash talking is wrong! Everyone should be nice. Boy, I've been away too long.
5 Ana Ivanovic did a "Got Milk?" ad. Make up a "Got ...?" ad for another athlete.	"Got Milkshake?" Because Rafael Nadal will drink it up!	Tagline: "Got Advil?" Athlete: Peyton Manning.	"Got squat?"—Any sumo wrestler. "Got back?"—Serena Williams.	Pacman Jones—"Got bail?"	Questions suck. But former Cleveland Brown Jim Brown—"Drink milk or else."

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HOMETOWN HITS



» First baseman Paul Konerko was helped off the field with what the White Sox called a mildly sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee during the second game of Tuesday's day-night doubleheader against the Toronto Blue Jays. X-rays were negative and he's scheduled for an MRI on Wednesday.

BLUE JAYS 3, WHITE SOX 1

1ST GAME

A.J. Burnett allowed one hit in seven innings and the Blue Jays beat the White Sox 3-1.

BLUE JAYS 8, WHITE SOX 2

2ND GAME

The Blue Jays beat the White Sox 8-2 to complete a sweep Tuesday and extend their winning streak to 10. Scott Rolen's two-run shot highlighted a four-run fifth in which the Blue Jays took a 5-2 lead and knocked out Clayton Richard (2-4).



CARDINALS 4, CUBS 3

Albert Pujols homered for the third straight game and pinch-runner Brendan Ryan slid in just ahead of the tag on a ninth-inning grounder against a drawn-in infield in the St. Louis Cardinals' 4-3 victory over the faltering Cubs on Tuesday night. Aramis Ramirez had three hits and two RBIs for the Cubs, who have lost eight of nine while scoring three runs or fewer six times.

» The Cubs called up center fielder Felix Pie and right-hander Randy Wells on Tuesday after Triple-A Iowa was eliminated from the Pacific Coast League playoffs.



Rookie Matt Forte, who rushed for 123 yards, was nominated as one of the FedEx Ground NFL players of the week. Other finalists are the Steelers' Willie Parker and Atlanta's Michael Turner. Fans can vote at nfl.com, and the winner will be announced Friday.



Tickets for the Wolves' 40 home games go on sale at 11 a.m. Friday via Ticketmaster, at the Allstate Arena box office or at chicagowolves.com.



SKY 78, WASHINGTON 59
Jia Perkins led the Sky with 17 points in a blowout of the Mystics at UIC Pavilion on Tuesday. Candice Dupree added 16 points.

Cleveland Cavalier LeBron James (left) greets Dallas cornerback Adam Jones on Sunday before a game between the Cowboys and the Cleveland Browns. AP



Et tu, LeBron?

LeBron James raised the ire of local fans again Sunday by wearing a New York Yankees cap and cheering for the Dallas Cowboys.

James, who last season showed up at an Indians playoff game against New York sporting a Yankees cap, was on Dallas' sideline during pregame warmups before the Browns' season opener against the Cowboys. James, again wearing the Yankees cap and a blue-and-silver T-shirt, chatted with Dallas owner Jerry Jones and hugged Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens and cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones.

Some Cleveland fans have had it with James' antics, and a few of them were heard screaming at the Cavs' All-Star.

James has been labeled traitorous for his affection for non-Cleveland sports teams. He also grew up rooting for the Bulls.

In Tuesday's Plain Dealer, columnist Phillip Morris questioned James' decision to flaunt his affinity for other teams.

"Does Cavaliers superstar James really hate Cleveland that much?" Morris asked. "Does the anointed one really think we're all a bunch of losers? If not, why does No. 23 go out of his way to show his disdain for professional sports

Traitors among us

LeBron might be angering Cleveland fans, but, c'mon, it's Cleveland. Imagine the reaction to these Chicago athletes cheering for the other guys.

» Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood in a Packers jersey at Soldier Field. The Cubs wouldn't need to put him on the DL. He'd be limbless by halftime.

» Devin Hester dons a Minnesota Twins hat at U.S. Cellular Field. It's a good thing he can run fast—he'd be chased back to Miami.

» The Sox's Paul Konerko sits courtside at the United Center in a Pistons jersey. He might have to dodge fastballs—basketballs, that is—if this were to happen.

» Patrick Kane cheers for the Brewers at Wrigley Field. He would be berated endlessly if anyone actually recognized him as a Blackhawks player.

teams in Cleveland that don't involve rims and orange balls?

"It makes you wonder whether he really likes you. ... I guess we have no choice but to count our blessings and simply celebrate our Yankee-loving-Cowboy-hugging-global icon until he divorces us and takes his game somewhere else."

Kobe won't have surgery

Kobe Bryant (below) will not have surgery on his right pinkie because recovery would take too long. Bryant said Tuesday that he won't have surgery after seeking opinions from hand specialists. "When the doctors told me recovery from a procedure could be 12 weeks, I just decided now was not the time to have surgery," Bryant said on the Web site kb24.com.



Wie back in school

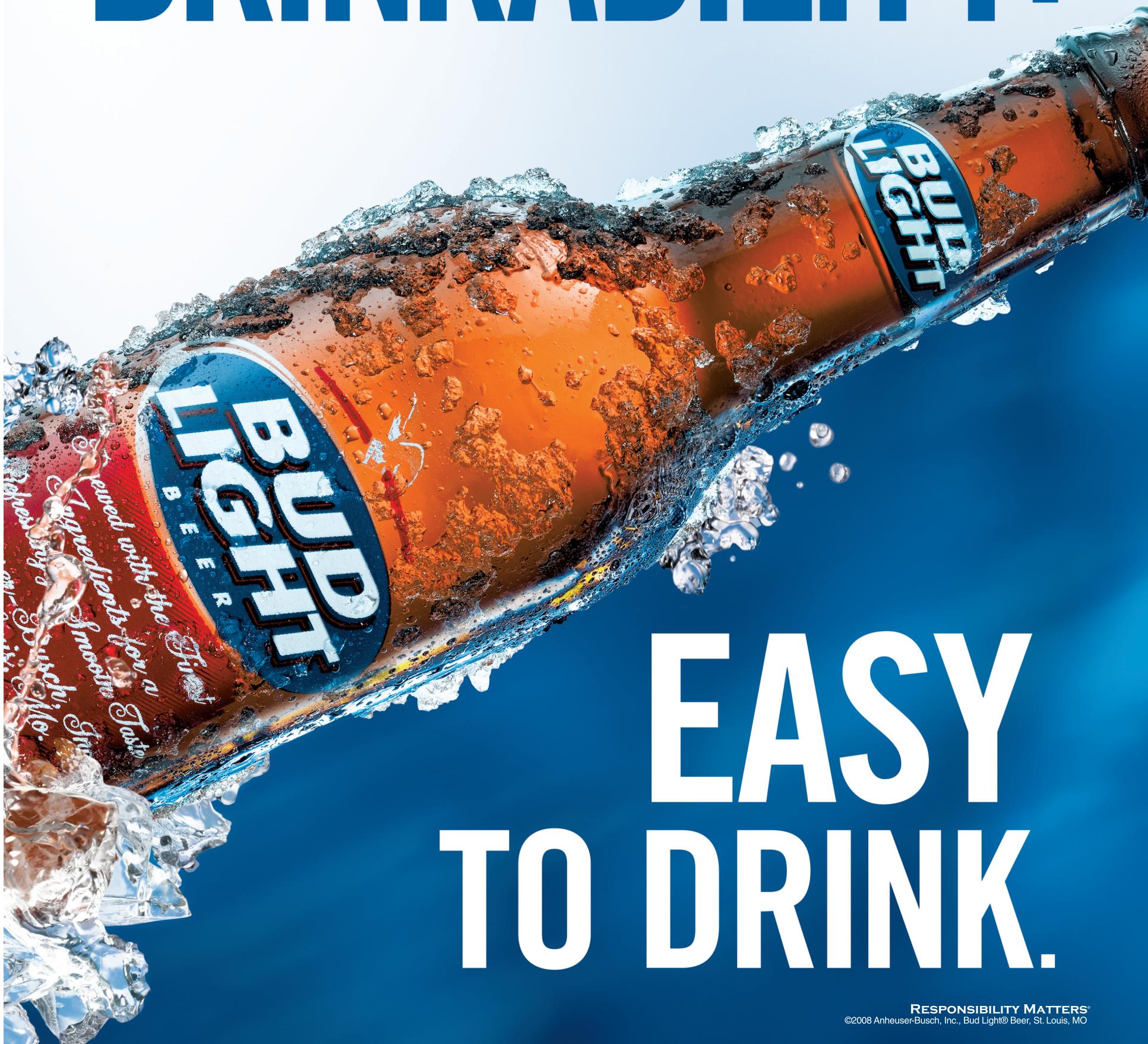
Unable to earn her card through sponsor exemptions, Michelle Wie has entered the LPGA Tour qualifying school and will play the first stage next week on the California course where she first rose to fame at 13. Her father, B.J. Wie, had said at the U.S. Women's Open that Wie had "no other options" but Q-school if she didn't earn enough to finish the equivalent of 80th of the LPGA Tour money list.

MOUTHWATCH

"I felt he got away with murder."

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Best Bartender

By Lisa Arnett & Matt McGuire

We want your vote. Not for Barack Obama. Not for John McCain. For your favorite Best Bartender.

Clear your mind of November's election and shift to the task at hand: cocktails. We've pored over hundreds of nominations to settle on these 10 talented mixologists, all ready to prove their drink-slinging skills. So visit them at their bars, sip their drinks and chat them up. Then cast a vote for your favorite.

Your votes will determine the Final Five, who will move on to our Best Bartender Bash on Sept. 24 from 7-10 p.m. at Victory Liquors, 2610 N. Halsted St. Polls are open at metromix.com through 11:59 p.m. Sunday.



Coach House heads up our list of new bars **29**



Icy Demons: Frozen food or local rockers? **35**

1 Gia Tovar, 26
Lumen, 839 W. Fulton Market
Tovar's five-year bartending career is half 'hood hangs (Hye Bar, Ta'too) and half fancy-schmancy (Victor Hotel, Suite Lounge). When she's not mixing (and dancing) behind the bar at Lumen, you'll find her working at its sister restaurant Duchamp.

2 Tuan Nguyen, 27
Mad River, 2909 N. Sheffield Ave.
Nguyen bartended his way through college in Madison, Wis., before moving to Chicago and landing at Mad River. He loves making drinks as fast as humanly possible—and when he's not, he's hitting the books, finishing up his BFA in architectural studies.

3 Bryna Hahn, 29
Easy Bar, 1944 W. Division St., and Liar's Club, 1665 W. Fullerton Ave.
Having worked everywhere from dive bars to dance clubs, Hahn insists she can mix up the oldies, the trendies and anything in between—but she's still partial to Jameson shots. When she's not chatting up her customers, she's

performing with the PainKurst Girls, which she describes as "grotesque burlesque-type [stuff]. It's basically hot chicks with blood and machetes and stuff." Intrigued? We thought so.

4 Tommy Andrika, 28
Minibar | Winebar, 3339-41 N. Halsted St.
Andrika has roots in the bar biz. His dad owned a small-town bar in Ohio, and Andrika worked several different jobs at Minibar | Winebar before settling behind the bar about a year ago.

5 Dani Hoyler, 24
Sheffield's, 3258 N. Sheffield Ave.
Hoyler learned her stouts from her IPAs while tending bar at The Onion brewpub in Lake Barrington, and that background has served her well this past year as a bartender at Sheffield's.

6 Kevin Daniels, 31
Park Grill on the Plaza, 11 N. Michigan Ave.
Daniels isn't content to be a one-trick bartender, so to speak. "I don't want to be 'Kevin the shot

guy' or be pigeon-holed into being a 'club bartender.'" In his decade-long career, Daniels has mixed it up everywhere from SushiSamba to Aigre Doux, and he spent the last year putting a spin on classic cocktails at La Pomme Rouge.

7 Emirano Eperiam, 28
NV Penthouse Lounge, 116 W. Hubbard St.
After working as a personal trainer and bartending in New York, Eperiam moved to Chicago and poured pints at Hidden Shamrock before opening NV last year as head bartender. When this native of Micronesia isn't working his island heritage into his drinks, you'll find him cheering on the Bears or lifting weights at the gym an impressive five days a week.

8 Jes Rickleff, 24
Spybar, 646 N. Franklin St.
This former Naperville barkeep mixed martinis at Two-Nine and Rizzo's before heading downtown to work at Level, Stone Lotus and now Spy Bar. You might recognize her from the first season of "Rock of Love"—she still goes on promotional trips for the show

when she's not tending bar or working as a hairstylist.

9 Jim Gaut, 28
Reagle Beagle, 160 E. Grand Ave.
If Gaut wants something, he'll make it happen, whether it's moving to San Diego to learn how to surf, or taking a job stocking beer at Reagle Beagle to work his way up to bartender. When he's not mixing Brady Punch Punches for the after-work crowd, you might find him at home, hosting a barbecue and playing grill master.

10 Olivia Shank, 31
Debonair Social Club, 1575 N. Milwaukee Ave., and Sonotheque, 1444 W. Chicago Ave.
Shank can mix a frou-frou drink with the best of them, but after a decade of bartending, her mantra is simplicity. "If it's flair you're looking for, you should probably go to Applebee's." Along with fellow Debonair bartender Telo Dunne, Shank is working to launch the fashion line Imaginary People.

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Lit wits

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Aspiring scribes have a new place to fight writer's block by drinking from a literal well of inspiration.

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The Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave.

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Nerd alert

Guthries Tavern, 1300 W. Addison St.

Is your pocket protector interfering with the transmission of your love signals? Interface with other singles

at **Dating for Nerds**. The hook-up summit includes board games and trivia competitions, plus one drink and giveaways such as Benjamin Nugent's book "American Nerd." (That's you.) 7 p.m. \$20-\$25. Registration: nerdsatheart.com

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Old Oak Tap, 2109 W. Chicago Ave. 773-772-0406.

Models dressed in locally made apparel take the spotlight at the **Black Collar Ball**. Shop 426 Brand's newest line of rocker wear for men and women, Chicago Muscle, during a preview party at the new Chicago Avenue bar. DJ Caesare spins 1960s tunes. 8 p.m. \$10 minimum suggested donation benefits the United Service Organizations.

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Show some art

Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Change is in the air, and not just because local trees are going topless. In Wicker Park/Bucktown, the annual Around the Coyote Fall Arts Festival is reborn as **smARTshow** (Around the Coyote moves to the West Loop in October). The new fest turns an

eye toward visual art with a showcase of about 75 artists inside the Flat Iron building and a handful of neighborhood spots, such as Club Lucky (1824 W. Wabansia St.) and Double Door (1572 N. Milwaukee Ave.). Also features live music and performance art. 6 p.m. Friday; noon Saturday-Sunday. \$5 suggested donation. Contact: smartshow.org

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Get pumped for veggies

Crust, 2056-58 W. Division St.

The popular **Veggie Bike and Dine**, a bicycle tour through community gardens on the West and Near West Sides, is sold out. But don't let the air out of your tires just yet. You can still mingle with other pedal heads at an afterparty for the ride. Includes vegan pizza and a cash bar. 4 p.m. \$30-\$35. 312-427-3325 ext. 237. Tickets: biketraffic.org



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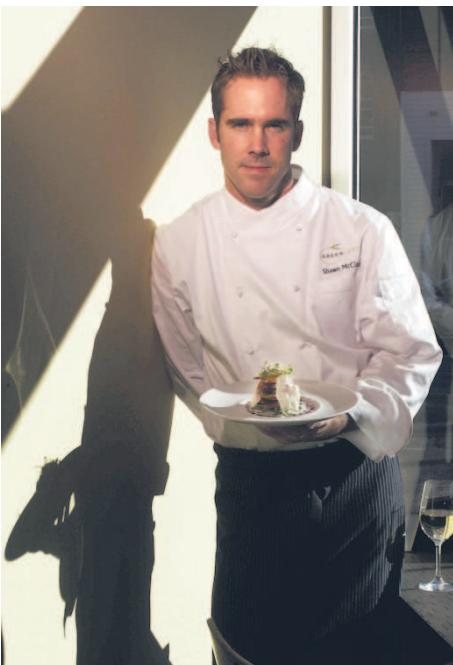
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ALLERTON HOTEL
6 p.m. Wed.: Taste of Sonoma. Winemakers Jim Murphy of Murphy Vineyards and Joel Peterson of Ravenswood Winery lead a food and wine pairing seminar featuring California wines. \$65. Reservations required: sonomainchicago.org.

com: 7 p.m. Thu.: Harvest Feast Dinner. A six-course benefit meal features Sonoma County wine pairings, including Green Valley sparkling wine, Russian River Valley chardonnay, Sonoma Coast pinot noir and Alexander Valley cabernet sauvignon. \$125. Reservations required: sonomainchicago.org. com; 701 N. Michigan Ave.

BALLO
2 p.m. Sun.: Third Annual Meatball Contest—Just Roll With It. Eight cooks vie for a \$1,000 prize while guests cheer them on and sample Ballo's own meatballs. Includes complimentary wine and pizza, a raffle for an American Express gift card and a chance to be an official judge at the cookoff. Free. Reservations required: 445 N. Dearborn St. 312-832-7700.

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BUONA TERRA
5-10 p.m. Thu.: \$21.95 three-course dinner; 2535 N. California Ave. 773-289-3800.

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CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM
6 p.m. Thu.: Toque: An Evening with Chicago's Culinary Masters. Includes cocktails, chef stations, dinner and auctions. Participating chefs include Michael Kornick (MK Restaurant), John Caputo (A Mano), Michael Shrader (N9NE Steakhouse), Shawn McClain (Spring, Custom House, Green Zebra) and Tim Dahl (Blackbird). \$250; 1601 N. Clark St. 312-924-4220.

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7 p.m. Thu.: Singles Dinner Party. Meet singles (ages 21-40) over a meal of French-Mexican fare. Diners order off the menu and get separate checks for their bills. \$16, plus the price of dinner and drinks. Registration: tastychicago.net;

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Toque of the town

Shawn McClain (Spring, Custom House, Green Zebra) will be among the big-name local chefs dishing out eats at the Chicago History Museum Thursday for **Toque: An Evening with Chicago's Culinary Masters**.

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Sun.: \$29.95 three-course Latin meal with wine or sangria; 325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727.

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4-6 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$3

appetizer menu; 820 W. Jackson Blvd. 312-714-1001.

VIET BISTRO

7 p.m. Wed.: Poetry Slam. Rashed Islam hosts an open mic of poetry and spoken word. Includes an appetizer and two signature martinis. \$15; Sun.: Free appetizer with purchase of a bottle of wine; 1346 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-5720.

VONG'S THAI KITCHEN

11 a.m. Sat.: Cooking class. Learn how to make Thai fish dishes, including salmon with Thai herbs, with chef Luis De Alba. Includes a lunch sampling of entrees, a beverage and dessert, plus

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House call

Coach House replaces Bottle Bar, plus more new late-night hangouts

3 to try: recent openings

1 The Coach House

950 W. Wolfram St. 773-665-5660

If your beach-bum friends can't get enough of the faux tropical fun at Uncle Fatty's Rum Resort, find your reprieve next door at The Coach House, recently opened in the former Bottle Bar

space. A fireplace and cedar beams criss-crossing the ceiling lend a cozy cabin vibe, while an entertainment center stocked with Nintendo Wii and board games adds a hanging-out-at-home feel. Coming soon: An oversized ceiling clock set to "shot-thirty," when bartenders line the half-moon bar with a free shot for all every Friday and Saturday night.

2 Fion Wine & Spirits

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3 Rocks Lakeview

3463 N. Broadway. 773-472-0493

The folks from Rocks Lincoln Park have branched out with this sister location. Look for a lineup of signature dishes such as deep-fried mac and cheese wedges and the decadent deep-fried Snickers bar. Thirsty? The bar features a hefty whiskey selection, eight draft beers (six of which are microbrews) and 26 brews by the bottle.

3 to watch: coming soon

1 Vertigo

2 W. Erie St. 312-202-6000

After months of delays, this rooftop lounge on the 26th floor of the Dana Hotel and Spa aims to open later this month. Designed to feel like a penthouse party at your coolest friend's posh pad, this indoor-outdoor bar also will serve sushi bussed up from in-hotel restaurant Ajasteak. Outside, expect a glass perimeter giving way to city views, funky amoeba-shaped furniture and a firepit and heaters to extend the alfresco season. With two bars and club carts of seasonal sippers, it should be an easy feat to grab a drink wherever you're at.

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2 Bull & Bear

431 N. Wells St. No phone yet.

Look for this stock market-themed sports bar from the owners of Stone Lotus to open in mid-October. The name (referring to bull and bear markets) is just the beginning of the financial allusions; you can order buffalo wings off of The Wells Street Journal menu or sip specialty drinks like the Nasdaiquiri. Along with an expected fleet of sports-blaring flat-screens, we're psyched for VIP booths outfitted with pay-by-the-ounce beer taps.

3 Wild Pug

4808 N. Broadway. No phone yet.

The Oscar Wilde-inspired Irish pub formerly known as Wilde Pug now aims for an October opening in Uptown as Wild Pug. Owners Steve Milford and Brian Wells (who own neighboring bar Crew) opted to drop the "e" after a complaint from similarly named Lakeview bar Wilde. Look out for nods to the legal snafu, from "e" dog tags around staffers' necks to the discarded "e" from the bar's sign framed and hung on the wall.

Quick hits

» After financial issues forced its closing last summer, **Crescendo** (222 W. Ontario St. 312-376-3111), now managed by the folks behind Sound-Bar and Y, reopens Friday with DJ K and DJ Jernell Geronimo manning the turntables.

» After just a few weeks in business, **Club Royale** (205 N. Peoria St. 312-666-9400) has closed.

» Bar/restaurant/live music venue **Bottom Lounge** (1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775), which opened at the start of summer in the West Loop, opened a 120-seat second-story outdoor deck in late August.

» Iggy's3 closed Labor Day weekend, and after a whirlwind makeover, reopened days later as **Redline Cafe** (800 N. Dearborn St. 312-829-4449). Only subtle changes were made, so regulars will still recognize the place without its sock monkey portraits and vintage movie posters. The full bar and stock of a dozen or so bottled beers are still intact, joined by a revamped menu of no-fuss apps, pastas and even you-call-it risotto.

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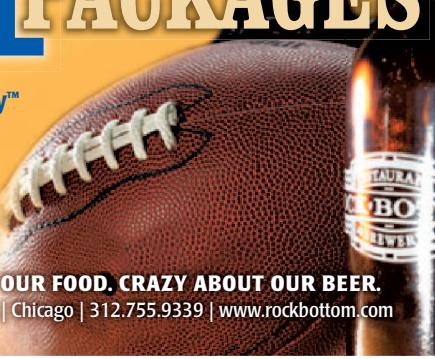
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\$2 bombs, \$3 select cocktails and glasses of wine; 1339 N. Wells St. 312-266-6789.

PIECE

\$4 well drinks; 1927 W. North Ave. 773-772-4422.

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NIGHTCRAWLERS**On the prowl**

Lincoln Parkers came out to christen **The Coach House** (950 W. Wolfram St. 773-665-5660) during its soft-opening preview last weekend in T-shirts, animal prints and even ... helmets? The bar gears up for its official grand opening this weekend. Visit metromix.com for more pics and upcoming events.



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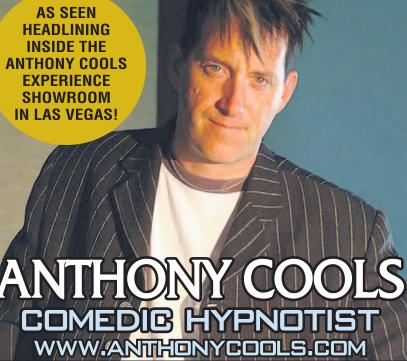
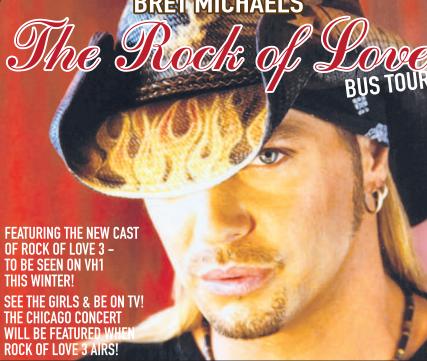
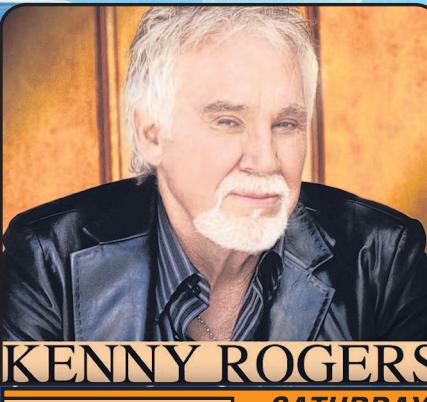
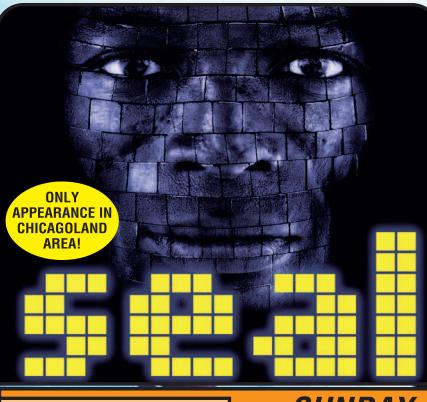
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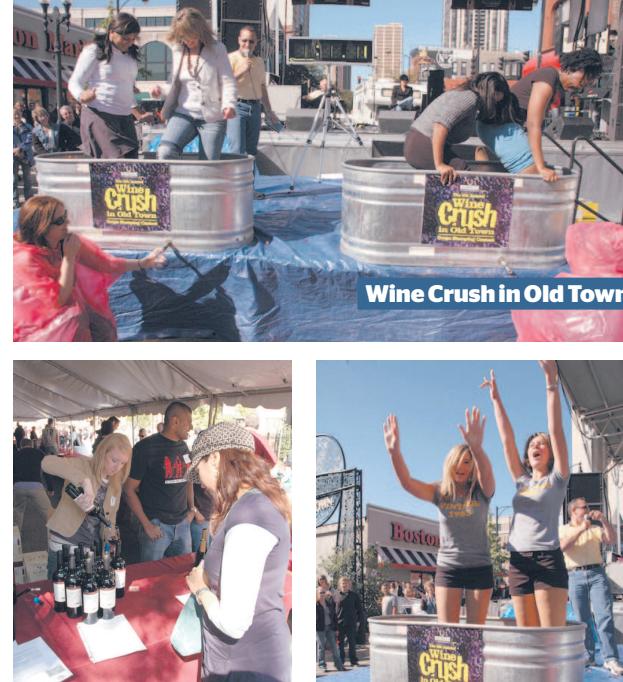
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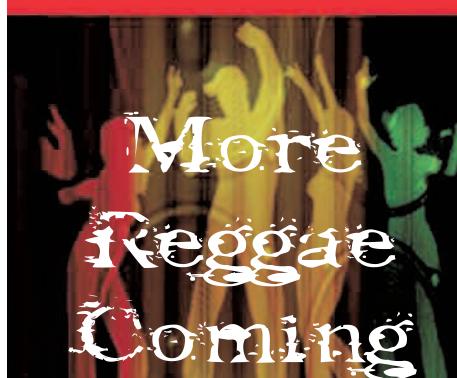
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Subliminal dance machine

**Chicago rockers
Icy Demons make
you move—whether
you realize it or not**

By Matt Pais

We walk by the short-haired, clean-shaven guy at the next table and nearly miss our meeting with the normally long-haired, bearded Griffin Rodriguez. Turns out the Icy Demons' singer gave himself a stylistic overhaul about a week ago.

"I do it from time to time just to change my perspective on things," Rodriguez, 31, says. "People who I've only known for a year are really surprised. Then they get over it pretty fast, 'cause I'm still the same person."

That's a pretty good symbol for the Chicago indie rock outfit's music, which, on its third and latest album, "Miami Ice," switches frequently from Brazilian rhythms to hip-hop influences to psychedelic electro-rock. It might be jarring at first, but it's a welcomed whirlwind once you learn to expect the unexpected.

At Humboldt Park coffee shop/pizza joint Humboldt Pie (1001 N. California Ave.), Rodriguez, also a founding member of local experimental group Bablicon who lives only a few blocks away, talked to us about people calling his music "weird" and his ability to inspire involuntary dancing.

"Icy Demons" sounds either like something in the frozen food section or an ice skating troupe. Which is more accurate?

I like the ice skating troupe. That's really awesome. The idea was not beating people over the head with the meanings. It's for them to use their imagination as if they were small children. They can be like [in a high voice], "What is Icy Demons?" [normal voice] "An ice skating troupe." That's way better to me than something that tells you exactly what it is.

And when you start an ice skating troupe, you won't have to change your name.

That's true. Icy Demons on Ice. [Laughs] That'd be amazing.

Do fans' dance styles mimic the ever-changing music styles during your shows?

Yeah, yeah. I think that is part of it. And that is one of the best things about the



**Griffin Rodriguez (front, center)
and Icy Demons**

live show too is that we've been able to get people really moving. The surprise element of [the shows] too actually sometimes forces people into moving without them even thinking about it. Something will be going for a long time and then maybe the hip-hop track will drop and people will just—without even thinking about it so much—start moving.

"Whoa, when did I start dancing?!"

There have been shows where the whole crowd starts dancing and I don't think people are even thinking about it like that, and then they'll look over and they'll see somebody moving. And then they'll notice they're moving. And then all of a sudden everybody's dancing. Which is cool 'cause it's not just like, "Here's a dance song."

Dance!" or, "Our whole set is dance-punk, so dance from start to finish." It just kinda happens naturally.

What were you going for on "Miami Ice"?

I was definitely trying to make a more compelling ... a more pop record I guess is the easiest way to say it. And that can be a nasty word sometimes, but especially what we are doing, a lot of people wouldn't consider [it] a pop record. And then there's a lot of people who know my other stuff who would say this is by far the poppiest thing I've ever done.

What do you say to someone who says they don't get it?

I definitely understand why people wouldn't get it, especially considering what a lot of people listen to, which is more normal music.

You don't consider you guys normal?

I would hope to someday consider us to be normal, or have the rest of the world consider us to be normal. For me, it's completely normal. It's everyday music. But I listen to a bizarre range of music every day. ... It's impossible to be like, "This is my weird music that nobody's heard before." And I'm certainly not trying to do that with my music. When people say it's weird, they think that I, as an artist, am trying to fool them or make them feel weird. It's like they're personally offended that you're presenting them with something that isn't A, B and C. And they're like, "Why are you trying to be weird?"

Yeah, what did you ever do to them?

Yeah, yeah. "Why'd you give me this weird, weird record?"

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5 p.m. \$5. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

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Special Education Services for Parentally Placed Private School Children with Disabilities IDEA 2004-Section 612

Notice of Public Meeting

On Tuesday, September 16th at 8:30 a.m., a meeting conducted by Evanston/Skokie School District 65 and Evanston Township High School District 202 will take place at 1500 McDaniel Avenue in the Joseph E. Hill Administration Center Board Room. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the districts' plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the districts for the 2008-09 school year. If you are parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of the Evanston/Skokie School District 65 or Evanston Township School District 202, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to the meeting please contact Marcy Canell at 847-859-8094.

CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS DIVISION OF BUILDING & PERMITS

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
(DATE OF NOTICE - Wednesday, September 10, 2008)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Building Code Board of Appeals Meeting to be held on September 10, 2008, at 5:00 PM, in the Fifth Floor Conference Room, 44 E Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois.

The purpose of this Building Code Board of Appeals Meeting is to consider the following: Fox Valley Families Against Planned Parenthood, Nancy Maloney, and Charles Amarino Appeal to the Building Code Board of Appeals No. 08BCBA002 regarding 3051 E. New York Street.

Herman J. Beneke AIA
Director Division of Building & Permits

Notice to Small, Minority and Women's Businesses
D. Construction, Inc., 1488 So. Broadway, Coal City, IL 60416, Phone: (815) 634-2555, is seeking qualified small, minority and women's businesses for the FMWRD TPAD Project for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: piping, material, painting and landscaping. All interested and qualified small, minority and women's businesses should contact, IN WRITING (certified letter, return receipt requested), Everett Leasure, to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening date of September 19, 2008.

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The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice Invitation to Bid. For a full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found at our website at <http://mwrd.org> click on Contract Announcements; then Date of the Advertisement.

Specifications, proposal forms and plans may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday-Friday, between 8:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Documents, unless stated otherwise to the contrary, will be mailed in response to a fax request (#312/51-3042). No fee is required for the contract documents unless stated above. The District assumes no responsibility for documents sent through the mail.

Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms. Proposal forms are to be placed in the special envelope furnished by the District and shall conform to the terms and conditions of the Bidding Requirements and Instructions to Bidders contained in the contract document. The bid bond must be underwritten by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Illinois.

If after receipt of the Contract Document, there are any questions regarding procedural details, please contact the Purchasing Department at (312) 751-6643.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/12), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

By Darlene A. LoCascio
Purchasing Agent

NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

TO METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid District 65 located at 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. on the bid opening date.

CONTRACT 06-157-3P
DIFFUSER PLATES REPLACEMENT BATTERIES C AND D, STICKNEY WRP
Estimated Cost: \$17,000,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$560,000.00
Document Fee: \$50.00 (Non refundable, in the form of cashier's check, certified check or money order payable to the Clerk of the District)

Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk Through:

Tuesday, September 23, 2008
9:00 am Chicago Time
Stickney WRP
SE corner of Main Parking Lot
6001 W. Pershing Road
Stickney, Illinois

Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Conference:

Thursday, September 25, 2008
9:00 am Chicago Time
Stickney WRP
Laboratory Auditorium
6001 W. Pershing Road
Stickney, Illinois

Bid Opening: October 14, 2008
Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance (Appendix C, D & K) and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this contract.

CONTRACT 06-218-3M
BLOWER NOS. 9 AND 10 AND AIR MAIN INSTALLATION, CALUMET WRP
Estimated Cost: \$15,000,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$600,000.00
Document Fee: \$50.00 (Non refundable, in the form of cashier's check, certified check or money order payable to the Clerk of the District)

Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk Through:

Thursday, September 25, 2008
9:30 am Chicago Time
Calumet WRP
Trades Building, 2nd Floor
400 E. 130th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Conference:

Thursday, September 25, 2008
11:00 am Chicago Time
Calumet WRP
Trades Building, 2nd Floor
400 E. 130th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Bid Opening: October 21, 2008
Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance (Appendix C, D & K) and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this contract.

CONTRACT 08-118-11
FURNISH, DELIVER AND INSTALL A LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPH/MA

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Thursday

ALAN GRESIK'S SWING SHIFT ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. \$6. The Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

ANDY ELWELL

9 p.m. Tips/donations. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

BLACK MOTH SUPER RAINBOW, EVANGELISTA, COLOURMUSIC, AGATHE MAX

9 p.m. \$15. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

BLUES OPEN MIC JAM

8:30 p.m. Free. Harlem Avenue Lounge, 3701 Harlem Ave., Berwyn. 708-484-3610.

BRUDER SISSL'S MASTODON MEDICINE SHOW

9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Devon, 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801.

BUN B, KINKI NOTTI, THE MOLEMAN

9 p.m. \$24-\$26. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

CADILLAC DAVE AND THE CHICAGO RED HOT

9:30 p.m. \$7-\$10. B.L.U.E.S., 2519 N. Halsted St. 773-528-1012.

DANGER, SPITZER, BEARRIES

10 p.m. \$10-\$12. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

DAVID POLK PROJECT

8:30 p.m. \$8. FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

DR. LONNIE SMITH ORGAN TRIO

8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

HONEST ENGINES, NATE AND HIS KITE, DOCTOR THIS VIRUS IS SILENCE, EVA

8 p.m. \$6. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

JACK D'AMICO WITH THE JOE VALENTINO TRIO

8:30 p.m. Free. 200 East Supper Club, 200 E. Chestnut St. 312-266-4500.

JOHN PRIMER

9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

JT AND THE CLOUDS, CHAPERONE

9 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

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8 p.m. \$7-\$10. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

MILLIONS, THE PHARMACY, GOOD LUCK, PAUL BARIBEAU

9 p.m. \$7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. mpshows.com

NIMOY JACKSON, CHATTY CATHY, AYA SOFIA, ABOUT A GIRL

9 p.m. \$7. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave.

773-489-3160.

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8 p.m. \$10. Two-drink minimum. Davenport's, 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-278-1830.

PROFESSOR JOHN

8 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

RA RA RIOT, WALTER MEEGO, PEPI GINSBERG

9:30 p.m. \$12. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. housecallent.com

RUSS PHILLIPS QUARTET

5 p.m. \$5. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

SHALA, MIC TERROR, BULLY IN THE HALLWAY

10 p.m. \$6. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

TALL FRIENDS, WE MAKE THUNDER

8:30 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.



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Visit our Website at www.pacebus.com (Select Business Opportunities) (To Download this Bid, Review Current Active/In Process Bids)INVITATION FOR BIDS
SEALED BIDS will be received by Pace's Purchasing Department, 550 West Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005 until 2:00 PM on the day(s) indicated below at which time and place all such bids will be opened and read aloud for the purpose of purchasing the following materials or service:

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OPENING DATE

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All bids must be only in the form prescribed by Pace, and must be made in accordance with this Invitation for Bids, and other Contract Documents, all of which are on file and available for examination at the office of Pace at the above address and are made a part of this notice as though fully set forth herein. Copies of these documents can be obtained by downloading them from Pace's website. They may also be obtained upon written request to the Pace Purchasing Department, 550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, or by calling 847-228-3573.

Pace reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to award in accordance with the award procedure as set forth in the Invitation for Bid and the conditions in the bid documents. Pace, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A, Part 21 (non-discrimination in Federally assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation) issued pursuant to said Act hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Bid Published Date:

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Electrical Mechanic Foreman (Promotional)

Electrical Mechanic Sub-Foreman (Promotional)

Machinist Foreman (Promotional)

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Applications and examination information are available on our website at www.mwrd.org.

Please submit application to Personnel Public Service Office

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

100 East Erie Street,

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Senior Electrical Engineer (Original and Promotional)

Assistant Attorney (Original and Promotional)

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MWRDG to Auction its Surplus Online

Effective on or about August 01, 2008, The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will begin auctioning off surplus property using the State of Illinois' auction website known as iBid. (www.ibid.illinois.gov)

A wide variety of items will be available, including generators, motors, pumps, phones, electronics, lighting, plumbing & HVAC supplies, consumables, and hundreds of other items. Many items are only slightly used, or in good condition.

Each item or lot has its own auction and time frame. To bid, participants will need a credit card and a driver's license. Pertinent information is found on the iBid website. (www.ibid.illinois.gov)

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PAYMENT & SHIPPING:

The MWRDG will presently accept credit cards only. Items can either be picked up in person, or via a shipper, after verification of payment in full. The buyer assumes full freight charges.

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Universe,** Saturday,
Nov. 1 (\$10, 21+) at
Martyrs'.

**On sale 10 a.m.
Friday**

Down, Danava,
Wednesday, Nov. 12
(\$28-\$30.50, all ages) at
House of Blues.

Rise Against,
Alkaline Trio,
**Thrice, The Gaslight
Anthem,** Friday, Nov.
21 (\$27.50, all ages) at
Congress Theater.

**The Sisters of
Mercy,** Monday, Nov.
17 (\$35.50-\$38, 17+) at
House of Blues.

**On sale noon
Friday**

Anathallo, Cal Parks,
Saturday, Nov. 8 (\$12-
\$14, 18+) at Schubas.

The Dynamites,
Charles Walker,
Saturday, Nov. 15 (\$12,
21+) at Schubas.

**On sale 10 a.m.
Saturday**

Enanitos Verdes,
Saturday, Oct. 18 (\$33-
\$38, 17+) at House of
Blues.

Kaiser Chiefs,
Oxford Collapse,
Thursday, Nov. 13 (\$25,
all ages) at Park West.

Kraak and Smaak,
Friday, Nov. 14 (\$15, 18+)
at Subterranean.

**Metallica, Machine
Head, The Sword,**
Monday, Jan. 26,
Tuesday, Jan. 27

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Rose Hill Drive,
Colour Revolt,
Saturday, Nov. 22 (\$15,
21+) at Schubas.

**On sale 11 a.m.
Saturday**

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Billy Cox, Buddy Guy,
**Jonny Lang, Kenny
Wayne Shepherd,**
**Eric Johnson and
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Saturday**

Calexico,
Bowerbirds, Friday,
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Katie Herzig,
Samantha Crain,
McCarthy Trenching,
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Thursday, Dec. 11 (\$25,
18+) at Metro.

**Mike Mangione and
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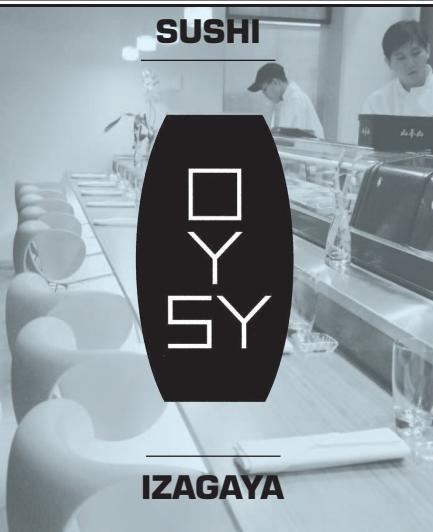
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Sunday, Sept. 14
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Friday, Oct. 24 (free,
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**Pelican, Stephen
Brodsky,** Wednesday,
Nov. 19 (\$12-\$14, 17+)
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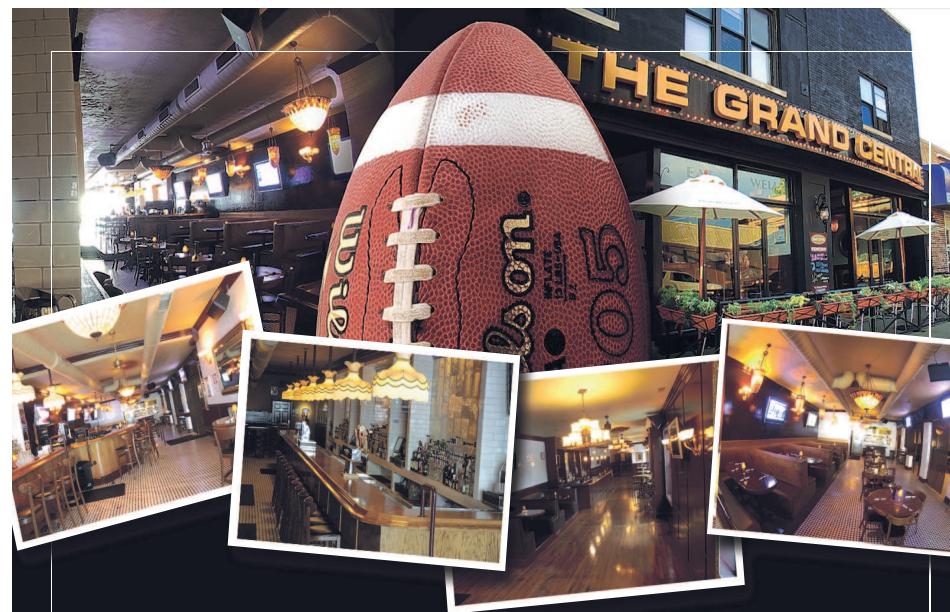
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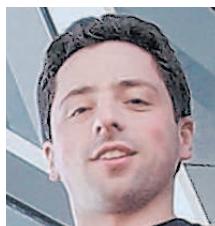
The way we learn, buy things, consume entertainment, view ourselves and everyone else—all have been drastically transformed by Google, incorporated in California 10 years ago this week. In the process, it has become one of the most powerful companies on the planet.

It all began with Larry Page and Sergey Brin, two Stanford University graduate students who turned their research project into a technology company. They bet that their search engine could run better than the rest and help, as they say, organize the world's information.

They called it Google, a play on the mathematical term "googol"—a 1 followed by 100



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The Google file

- » Founded: September 1998
- » Headquarters: Mountain View, Calif.
- » CEO: Eric Schmidt
- » Employees: Nearly 20,000
- » Founders' net worth: \$19 billion apiece
- » Number of users: 650 million
- » Annual revenue (2007): \$16.6 billion

L.A. TIMES

zeros. With its multicolored logo and quick results, the search engine not only became a pop culture hit but also created one of the most active young verbs in our vocabulary.

Along the way, the now thirtysomething founders recruited Eric Schmidt as chief executive officer, made gobs of money and built a 21st Century advertising empire on the simple notion of selling plain text ads based on search terms.

Yet, as Google enters its second decade,

concerns have arisen over its dominant influence on the Internet and the information it collects. Google handles nearly two-thirds of online search queries, drawing greater scrutiny from regulators and privacy watchdogs.

Google says it's guided by its unusual corporate motto: "Don't be evil." It will have to achieve its ever-expanding ambitions without alienating its 650 million users, tarnishing its brand and keeping its employees happy.

Its goals far exceed Internet search and

advertising. This digital dynasty already has given us the likes of Google Earth, Google News and Gmail. Now it is digitizing health records and books, selling business software on the Internet and trying to extend its online dominance to mobile phones.

Google also has high hopes for the money-making potential of its online video sharing site, YouTube, which it bought for \$1.65 billion in 2006, and for this year's \$3.2 billion acquisition of DoubleClick, which displays

A decade of DOMINANCE

SOURCES: GOOGLE,
L.A. TIMES RESEARCH

January 1996:
Stanford graduate students
Larry Page and Sergey Brin
begin working on a search
engine they call BackRub.

September 1997
Google.com is registered.

August 1998:
Google receives its first
investment, \$100,000.

September 1998:
Google sets up in a
Menlo Park, Calif., garage.

June 1999:
Google raises \$25 million
in venture capital funding.

August 1999:
Google adds a "doodle"
to celebrate the Burning
Man festival.

June 2000:
Yahoo hires Google to pro-
vide search technology.

July 2001:
Google Images
launches.

February 2002:
Google overhauls its
advertising system, laying
the foundation for a
multibillion-dollar business.



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ads across the Web.

Microsoft and other Google rivals are trying to check its ambitions. And media giant Viacom sued Google for \$1 billion, accusing YouTube of copyright infringement.

Most worrisome for investors, who have sent Google's stock tumbling nearly 40 percent since a record high in November, the fastest-growing company in history is finally showing signs of slowing.

The company that started life as a scrappy startup will succeed in the next decade if, as a much

larger and complex organization, it can continue to deliver the innovation that marked its first decade, observers say.

That's precisely what Google intends to do, says Marissa Mayer, Google's vice president, search products and user experience.

"From my earliest conversations in the summer of 1999, we have spent our time brainstorming about the future," Mayer said. "We aren't taking a lot of time to reflect on the past 10 years. We are much more focused on the next 10 years."

March 2004:

Google settles into its current Mountain View, Calif., campus, known as the Googleplex.

February 2004:
Yahoo dumps Google and launches its own search engine.

August 2004:
Google goes public at \$85 a share.

April 2004:
Gmail launches.

January 2006:
Google China launches.

June 2005:
Google Maps launches.

Aug. 2006:
Google partners with MySpace.

June 2006:
The Oxford English Dictionary adds "Google" as a verb.

November 2006:
Google's stock hits \$500.

October 2006:
Google announces acquisition of YouTube

October 2007:
Google stock peaks at \$741.

March 2007:
Viacom sues Google for copyright infringement.

June 2008:
Google stock falls below \$500.

Giving Google advice

Los Angeles Times

As Google celebrates its 10th birthday, the Los Angeles Times talked with Internet experts about what the company should do over the next decade. Following are condensed interviews.

Michael Arrington

editor and founder of TechCrunch

In search, Google needs to continue to dominate text but also explore rich-media search. Today, no one can actually search

inside of a picture, video or sound file to see what's in there.

Finally, social networking is the new search. Everyone's doing it, but no one can monetize it effectively yet."

Max Levchin

founder and chief executive of Slide, chairman of Yelp

The most important thing Google management will have to do over the next decade

is figure out how to keep the spirit of entrepreneurial, technical and business innovation alive and well within the rapidly scaling company. Fantastic perks like food and massages will only cut it so far."

Marissa Mayer

vice president of search products and user experience at Google

I think there will be a continued focus on innovation, particularly in search. Search is an unsolved

problem. We have a good 90 to 95 percent of the solution, but there is a lot to go. How do we monetize new forms of content as they come online such as video, maps and books? How do we help content providers transition their businesses online and build healthy businesses? Ultimately, I think we will focus on what serves users and Google best: Making the Web better and making it easier to use the Web."

Mike Sheldon

President of Deutsch LA

Look for Google to have a breadcrumb trail that leads all the way into social networking via Orkut, and information via

Knol, and even browsing via iGoogle and the new browser called Chrome. They are also entrepreneurial in their bones. They spent \$2.1 billion on research last year. That's quite an R&D department. They will be inventing over the next 10 years. Google Maps changed the way we view the world. Look for more inventions from them, particularly in the field of interface design and how people experience information."

O'Connell heads back to comedy

The Fresno Bee

Jerry O'Connell doesn't scare easily.

Even after his ABC sitcom "Carpoolers" crashed and burned after one season last year, he's trying another TV comedy.

Now he's playing the general manager of one of the hippest hotels in New York in Fox's "Do Not Disturb."

O'Connell jokes about returning to comedy after last year's failed funny attempt.

"I had a wonderful experience with 'Carpoolers.' I know it was not successful. It didn't get picked up, but I had a wonderful experience working in comedy," O'Connell said. "It's funny in life. Shows end. I'm depressed. I don't leave my house. I'm in my underwear for two or three months. I'm joking, of course."

O'Connell, who is better known for his work in dramas such as "Crossing Jordan" and "Sliders," said

comedy is more uplifting.

There were times while he was working on "Jordan," a series where he spent a lot of time in a morgue, where he felt like people in his own neighborhood were being killed.

O'Connell will have to be on his comedy toes in the new series. His costar, Niecy Nash, has been starring in the heavily improvised comedy series "Reno 911!"

Nash has had to take a different approach on "Do Not Disturb."

"I have really been fortunate," Nash said. "I've been able to taste a lot of different disciplines in this business. 'Reno 911!' is unscripted. 'Reno' is so raw and over the top."

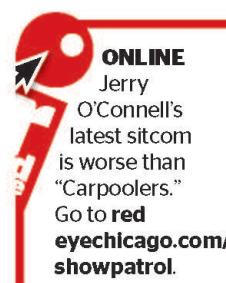
"Receiving the script, I'm like, 'Oh, Lord. I'm not used to that. I got to memorize all of this?' Where I'm used to making it up on the fly. But I'm having a good time nonetheless."



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"Carpoolers" was not Jerry O'Connell's first attempt at a sitcom:

"Here's a little bit of TV trivia for all of you folks out there. I did a short-lived sitcom with Hilary Swank. Believe it or not. I'm telling you. It was called 'Camp Wilder.' In 1992. I dropped out of college for a semester and went to go do it. I think I had a lot to do with Hilary Swank winning all those Oscars."



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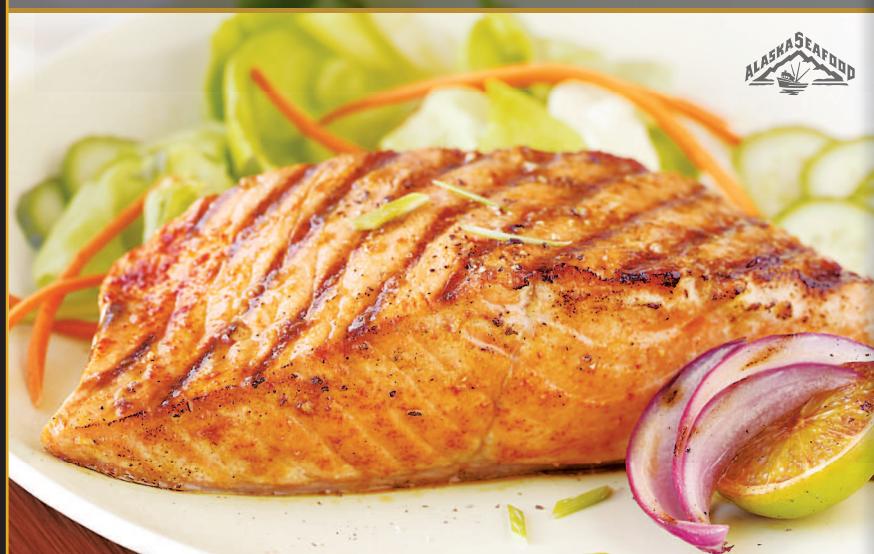
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# Spore scores

Much-hyped arrival is much more than a game

## Chicago Tribune

Spore, the newest video game from the makers of beloved hit titles The Sims and SimCity, arrived in American stores Sunday after making its long-awaited debut Friday in Europe. Here's our take on this much-buzzed game.

## What is it?

Spore is like a giant science project for your computer. Start out as a sea-swimming cell and try to evolve onto land to start a tribe that eventually becomes a civilization that then goes on to acquire the intelligence and skills to travel through space. Or not; you could simply build creatures all day. "Spore" doesn't force you to play a certain way. After playing for a few days, you'll be hooked.

## OK, I'm a cell. What next?

Try not to get eaten. Swim in the primordial sea, evade predators and gobble up food to gain DNA points. Use those points to acquire body parts to ensure survival. Want more eyes to see better? More appendages to swim faster? Make it so.

## So space is the final frontier?

Perhaps. Make planets habitable, then colonize them. Watch out for space-faring foes, though. Use a mixture of might and charm to make friends and keep the peace. Or you can idly travel through space, discovering strange worlds. Or if you want to "win," you can try to solve the mystery that lures everyone to the center of the universe.

## Is that it?

Hardly. Grow big enough, and eventually you'll be ready to crawl on land, where new strategies will help you and your community of nest-mates survive. Here, Spore goes from being merely fun to being engrossing.

Will you choose to be predatory (and make enemies), social (and hope to win friends and influence enemies) or adaptable (aligning with the right creatures to stay alive)? If you're connected to the Internet, you'll start seeing—and running from or trying to eat—other creatures (or studying their cool designs).

Pass this stage, and become a tribe, using tools to build buildings. Still alive?

Congratulations, you're a civilization, battling other civilizations for resources. Do well, and you learn the secrets of rocketry—and next thing you know, you're slipping the surly bonds of your planet.

## Sounds like a game for geeks. Why should I care?

Spore is a different take on games. For one thing, it's a hugely ambitious game with elements of real science; game designers studied principles of physics, biology, genetics and social behavior. It also is a solitary game you can share with millions of other Spore players, as you see their creatures and they discover yours.

With its smooth animation and cutesy critters, Spore is like a playable Pixar movie—a movie whose span travels from prehuman existence to the future of deep space exploration. It's a deep and enjoyable thrill ride you can take at your own pace.



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# Lateness = Rudeness

**Most say it's important to be on time for work, play**

The intention is not there, but Seth Gray is often late. He rarely anticipates traffic. He makes multiple stops on his way to meet family for dinner. And, when the movie starts, Gray still is circling the parking lot.

"People get mad at me all the time," says Gray, who lives in Martinez, Calif. "But it's not like I'm doing it on purpose."

In some cases, such as meeting the boys for beers, arriving even 15 to 20 minutes late is a nonissue. But in most social situations, and certainly in the workplace, tardiness is tacky. Experts say our busy culture often is used as an excuse for late behavior. But most people stress that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the way they conduct business and personal relationships.

There is a great deal of psychology behind late behavior, says Sylvia Meier, a Dublin, Calif., marriage and family therapist. Since it is not a pathology, you have to explore what is beneath the behavior.

"If we're talking about someone who is chronically late, they might be avoiding anxiety or anger or resisting something," Meier says. "Perhaps they are overscheduled and need to say 'no' once in a while."

Furthermore, the behavior can be unlearned, Meier says, especially when there is a consequence, such as missing out on valuable information, training or quality time with a friend. **CONTRA COSTA TIMES**

### HANDLING LATENESS

According to etiquette, you should always apologize for being late and have a good excuse. Read more tips below by Anna Post, author and spokeswoman for the Emily Post Institute in Vermont:

#### How to avoid being late:

- » Pad extra time into your schedule. If you know it will take 20 minutes, give yourself 25.
- » Plan to arrive five minutes early, not the moment the meeting or dinner begins.
- » Listen to traffic, metro and bus reports before leaving the house. Know good alternate routes.
- » Carry the phone number of the person you're meeting. Call if you're going to be late.

#### How to cope with late people:

- » Not every incident of lateness needs to be hashed over. Pick your battles.
- » If you talk about it, stay solution-oriented. Remind the person that you want to enjoy his company without distractions.
- » It's OK to order drinks but not food if someone is late.
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| <b>Phnewfula:</b> Love the preppy meets sexy look.                                | I love the dress, but just the dress.                                               | Very funky. But I see concert, not runway.                                          | This is what I call the "mall" look.                                                    | She has a whole lot of trends working.                                              | Football game—yes. "Top Model" casting—no.                                          |
| <b>Tennille:</b> She reconstructed the Catholic-schoolgirl uniform.               | Trendy. The plaid's all the rage for fall.                                          | All together now: What was she thinking?                                            | She's a color-coordinating fanatic.                                                     | She's trying to be on trend, but it's a fashion disaster.                           | This is a Saturday-at-the-mall outfit.                                              |

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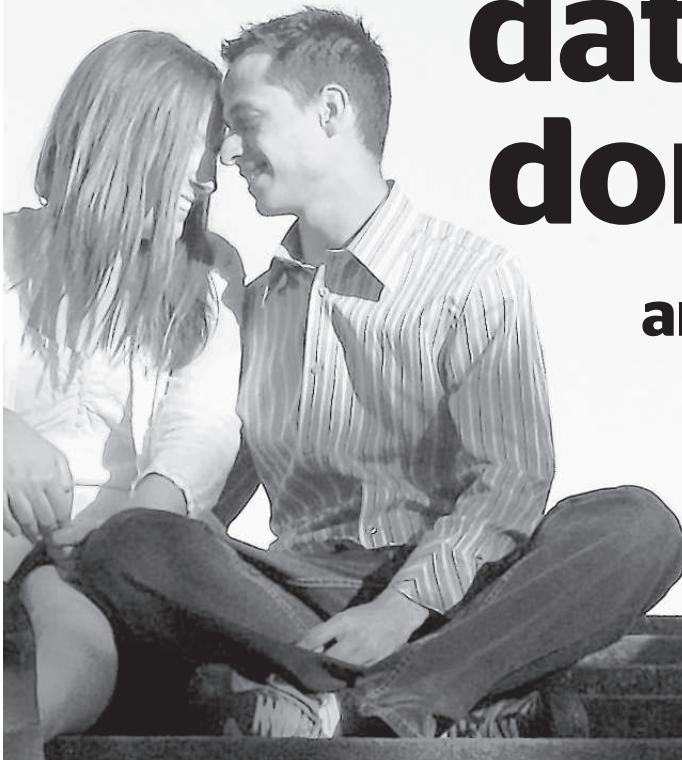


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# Four dating don'ts

**and what  
to do  
instead**

## 1 Partner bashing

Bashing the one you are supposed to love seems to have become a national pastime. One person in a group can start it, and then everyone else wants to top their story or complaint. The reality is that partner bashing reflects poorly on you, because after all, you chose this person.

**Relationship tip:** Rebel against the culture and praise your spouse in public.

## 2 Be a Darren Stevens

It's hard to believe, but many people fall into the trap of holding their partner back from using their greatest gifts. In the TV show "Bewitched," Darren Stevens would try to keep Samantha from using her abilities. The guy was an idiot. All that his wife had to do was wiggle her nose and he could have anything he wanted, and he wanted to stop her. Sounds crazy, but we do it all the time in relationships.

**Relationship tip:** Celebrate and encourage the strengths of your partner.

## 3 Argue to win

Arguing to win means you see the other person as an opponent. And once you begin to see your partner as an opponent or an enemy, lots of bad things begin to happen.

**Relationship tip:** When you argue to win, you may get to win, but you win at the expense of the relationship. Instead of arguing against each other, team up to solve the

problems that come your way. When a couple teams up against a problem, that problem is in big trouble.

## 4 Getting complacent

Taking the relationship and the other person for granted is so easy to do. Sometimes we treat our most important love relationship like an item on a to-do list—"OK, got that done, cross it off."

Do you know anyone who would enjoy being an item on a to-do list?

**Relationship tip:** Here's a great story about not taking someone for granted.

A high school senior was taking his girlfriend of three years to the senior prom. Since they had been dating for three years, you would think it would be a given that they were going to the prom together. But he arranged the following with her parents: One night when she came home there was a trail of Hershey kisses leading to the bathroom. In the bathroom, rose petals were spread all over the shower, and then another trail of Hershey kisses leading to her bedroom.

On her dresser was this note: "Now that I have kissed the ground you walk on and showered you with roses, will you go to the prom with me?"

Think she said yes? You may not have to use candy and flowers, but take the creativity and passion here and see what you can come up with for your relationship. **MCT**

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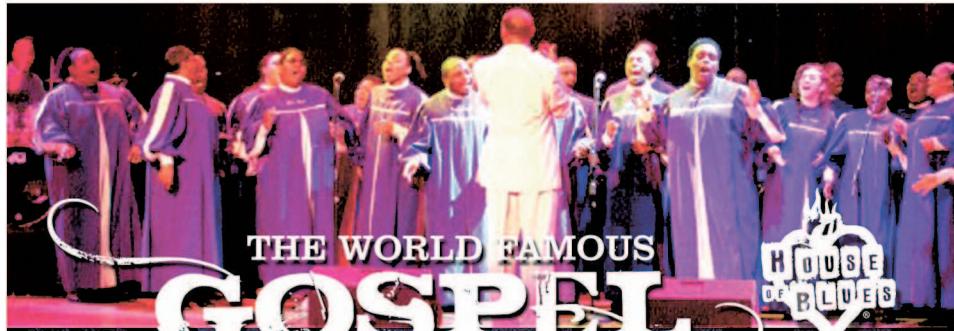
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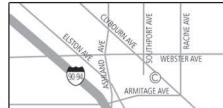


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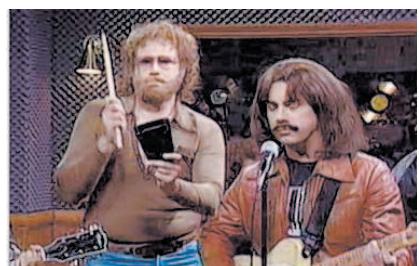
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## 'Armageddon'

**What it's about:** An asteroid the size of Texas is headed toward Earth.  
**Why it's perfect:** Bruce Willis (above, second from left) seems like the kind of guy you'd want to have around when the going gets tough.



## '(Don't Fear) The Reaper'

**What it's about:** It's a vaguely fatalist love ballad.  
**Why it's perfect:** In the "SNL" sketch version (above), Will Ferrell is hilarious. More cowbell!



## 'Across the Universe'

**What it's about:** The impossible love story of an upper-class girl and a poor artist, set to the music of the Beatles  
**Why it's perfect:** What's more powerful than the idea of a science project gone terribly wrong? Love, that's what.

# The end?



If we're truly done for, might as well take comfort in these pop culture gems

So have you heard the one about the science experiment that might destroy the universe?

Scientists say they will try Wednesday to send the first beam of protons around a 17-mile-long racetrack known as the Large Hadron Collider, 300 feet underneath the Swiss-French border outside Geneva, The New York Times reports.

There are many theories about what will happen when the device is activated, but nobody really knows for sure. That's part of the fun, the Times writes, but it has led to a few alarming claims that the collider could create a black hole or some other accidental phenomenon that could end the Earth or the universe.

RedEye doesn't mean to be alarmist, but we just had to take this opportunity to pull together a few pop-culture goodies we'd want to have on hand should the universe actually cease to exist. Drumroll, please ...



## 'Supermassive Black Hole'

**What it's about:** A certain someone has caught the attention of U.K. band Muse.  
**Why it's perfect:** How many songs can you find that reference bizarre physics phenomena, people?



## 'Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End'

**What it's about:** Johnny Depp (above, left) and the gang travel to the ends of the Earth, fall off the map and encounter other Apocalyptic metaphors.  
**Why it's perfect:** The end-of-the-Earth thing seems appropriate.



## 'It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)'

**What it's about:** The title of this R.E.M. track pretty much says it all.  
**Why it's perfect:** No end-of-the-world playlist is complete without it. Plus, it's kind of uplifting.



## 'The Day After Tomorrow'

**What it's about:** Some crazy stuff happens because of global warming.  
**Why it's perfect:** Humans toying with the ways of the world? This sounds familiar.

# According to Spears



Lynne Spears

Lynne Spears says Britney has overcome the tabloid nightmares of the past few years and believes that her daughter is regaining her "glorious voice." In an advance copy of her memoir obtained by the Associated Press, Mama Spears describes young Britney as a confident girl whose talents were so obvious that family friends would insist she would one day be on Broadway.

Other highlights from the book, "Through the Storm," to be published Sept. 16: Spears rejects the image that she pushed Britney into show business. She says Britney was always focused on achievement and would constantly practice to the music of Madonna, Whitney Houston and others.

Lynne Spears says she felt she was losing control when a 1999 Rolling Stone magazine story featured a racy cover of the singer in panties and a bra.

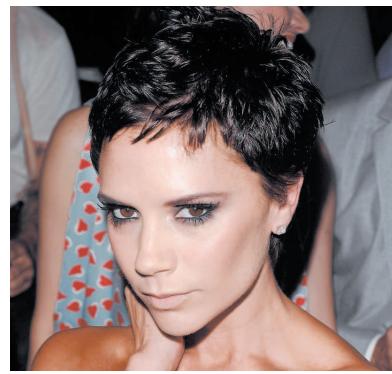
**Expecting?**  
Rumor has it that Usher and wife Tameka Foster are expecting a second child together. Citing unnamed sources, People magazine reports that the recently wed couple could have one on the way. Their first child, Usher Raymond V, was born in November. Usher spoke about fatherhood: "I'm so proud to be a father by the time I'm 30," he told People last month.

**A ladies' man**  
Looks like Lauren Conrad's former squeeze has a new lady in his life.

Brody Jenner, Conrad's occasional love interest on "The Hills," reportedly is dating a Playboy gal.

He and Playmate of the Year Jayde Nicole are an item, according to E! Online. The Web site reports that Jenner and Nicole were together after the MTV Video Music Awards.

IN, OUT, WHATEVER



In  
Victoria Beckham's haircut



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Russell Brand's haircut



Whatever  
Lance Bass suggests that 'N Sync will reunite. Maybe they could faceoff with New Kids!



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## Celebrity twin

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Elaine Maala

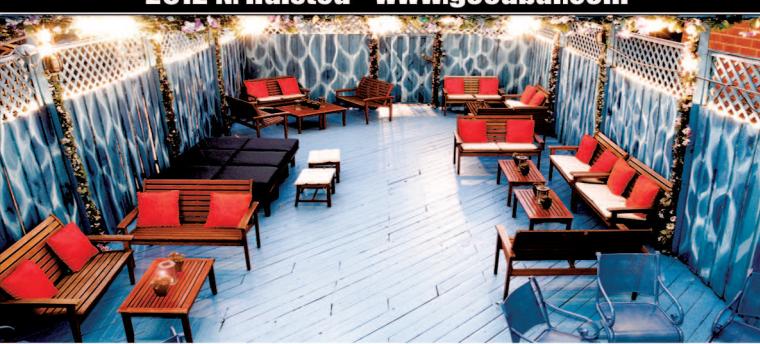
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Christian Jacobs (left) and Scott Schultz are co-creators of Nickelodeon's "Yo Gabba Gabba!" **MCT**

## Child's play

Who loves to dance? Celebs love to dance, and they're lining up to break it down with DJ Lance Rock and his band of costumed characters on "Yo Gabba Gabba!"

Check it out on YouTube if you haven't seen it—the kids show has a cult following.

Actors Jack Black, Jack McBrayer, Rachel Dratch and Amy Sedaris will guest star on the zany Nick Jr. TV show this season, **billboard.com** reports. Rapper Biz Markie returns with "Biz's Beat of the Day," and musical guests The Roots, Jimmy Eat World and Mates of State are scheduled to appear on the show, which kicks off Sept. 22.



Timberlake and Beyoncé  
AP



Beckham and Lopez  
AP

## Posh's 'Runway' replacement?

Rumor has it that Jennifer Lopez will be the guest judge on the finale of "Project Runway."

Citing an unnamed source, "Access Hollywood" is reporting that J.Lo will tape the series finale Friday, a fashionable cherry on top of a celebrity-studded season.

Natalie Portman and Brooke Shields

also have served as guest judges for this season.

Victoria Beckham topped off last year's season as the finale's celebrity judge.

We'll have to wait and see if there's any truth to the rumor: A rep for Bravo declined to comment on whether J.Lo is involved with the show, "Access" said.

### HOT DATE

## Nov. 18

The day that Beyoncé's third, as-yet-untitled solo album drops in stores. Justin Timberlake reportedly is among the guests on the LP.

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Kutcher

## Put me in, coach!

Ashton Kutcher has gone from "Punk'd" to the playing field.

The actor, producer and other half of Demi Moore reportedly is acting as

assistant coach for a high school football team in L.A.

"He loves football, and he said he'd always wanted to coach," Audrius Bardzukas, head of athletics at Harvard-Westlake School, told **People** magazine of Kutcher, who is pals with the team's head coach.

Kutcher's commitment is no joke, as he will attend practice five days a week and be on payroll, according to the mag.

"He's put in the time to learn our schemes and systems, and so far he's been a pleasant surprise as a coach," Bardzukas said.



## So not dating

Pam Anderson wants you to know she is not dating Michael Jackson.

"He just wants me to be in a video," the actress and TV

personality tells Ellen DeGeneres on her talk show airing Wednesday, according to excerpts on **usmagazine.com**.

(We pause now to let you soak this in: Seriously, who thought Anderson was dating the King of Pop?!)

DeGeneres couldn't seem to get a straight answer out of her guest, according to the excerpts.

"So seriously, have you been hanging out with him?" DeGeneres asked.

Anderson replied, "It happens."

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